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Ernst Reuter Next 'Champion'

Imprint Change On Chilean LAN Airmail

Two values of the current Chilean LAN (Linea Aerea Nacional — National Air Line) airmails have been noted with a new imprint, according to Guillermo Preuss, Casilla 3794, Santiago, Chile.



Both the 10 Peso light green and the 20P. brown were released without prior notice with the former imprint "Especies Valoradas de Chile" replaced by "Casa de Moneda de Chile", in the marginal space immediately below the bottom portion of the design.

Mr. Preuss states further that the new adhesives are on paper slightly whiter than the preceding printings, and that the authorized editions are 1,500,000 for the 1P.; 5,000,000 each for the 3P. and 10P.; and 6,000,000 for the 20P. high value. The 1P. and 3P. denominations have not yet been released, he added.

"JUNEX" For Juniors In San Antonio May 22

Juniors will occupy the stage — and their collections will fill the frames — at the San Antonio Philatelic Assn. meeting in the Witte Museum, San Antonio, Texas May 22. "JUNEX", the all-junior event, will offer some excellent prizes for the successful young stamp enthusiasts.

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ASSISTANT POSTMASTER B. L. KELLY of the Pittsburgh, Pa. Post Office gives the coup de grace to the ribbon across the new philatelic window opened there April 20. Lending full moral support are, left to right, R. E. Peters of the Pittsburgh Bicentennial Assn.; Richard C. Witt, president of the Pittsburgh Philatelic Society; Allan Hall, manager of Kaufmann's Stamp & Coin Dept.; and customer Sally Bellingham. Photo, Pittsburgh POD

Communist Canceled-To-Order Paper Adds Propaganda Tinge To Existing Philatelic Taint

Ernest A. Kehr

Postmarked stamps which still have original gum—proving that they never served any postal duty—are familiar to veterans, but raise a logical question in the minds of beginners. While such "canceled-to-order" specimens serve a very definite need, they generally are spurned by informed philatelists. They were introduced more than half a century ago and still are being produced by the ton in many areas of the world.

To understand them, one must realize that a stamp has no intrinsic value: a legitimately issued one merely represents an amount of money, paid in advance, a citizen has for charges made for the delivery of a piece of mail when the stamp is properly affixed to it.

A stamp's value to a collector is determined by the philatelic market's law of supply and demand, and is based solely upon avocational popularity.

Profit a Factor — As early as 1870, some postal administrations — notably Liberia — appreciated the profitable income that could be derived from the sale of stamps to collectors and began printing fancy, colorful specimens. They sold, at face value, as many unused thousands as the

market could absorb. Shrewd officials then realized that they could sell even more if the cost could be lowered. They could not sell unused stamps below face and still maintain the integrity of their administration, even though they were certain the stamps never would be compelled to do postal service. That led to the creation of the "canceled-to-order" type of stamp. Countries simply took full sheets of

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September 29 Commemoratives To Feature Berlin's Battling Mayor Of Early Post-War Era

The late Ernst Reuter, former Mayor of Berlin, will become the fifth "Champion of Liberty" to be recognized by the United States when new 4c and 8c stamps are placed on sale at Washington, D. C. on September 29. Those previously honored by similar stamps were Ramon Magsaysay in 1957; Simon Bolivar and Lajos Kossuth in 1958; and Jose de San Martin in February of this year. Both denominations will feature a medalion with a likeness of Reuter, and the wording "Ernst Reuter, Mayor of Berlin, 1947-1953" encircling the head.

"In honoring Ernst Reuter," Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield said, "we are remembering a man who worked for humanity, justice and personal dignity, ideals for which any true lover of freedom must live and fight. After being persecuted and imprisoned by the Nazis, he went into exile abroad. Returning to Germany immediately after World War II ended, he worked tirelessly to establish free democracy and rebuild his city out of rubble.

"It was his courage and leadership, that inspired the people of Berlin to stand up successfully under the terrible strain of the Soviet blockade. Although he died in 1953 and failed to see the realization of his hopes for a united Germany where all could live in freedom, his spirit and example daily inspire those in his country who carry on his work," PMG Summerfield emphasized.

In both instances the new stamps will measure 0.8c by 0.98 of an inch, arranged vertically. The wording "Champion of Liberty" appears across the top in dark Gothic lettering, and "United States Postage" across the bottom. The denominations are in the lower right.

The 4c value will be printed on the Cottrell press in sheets of 70, electric-eye perforated, in an edition of 120 million, while the 8c will be printed on the Giori press in sheets of 72. An order for 40 million has been placed. Colors for both stamps will be announced later.

The models for both stamps are based on the initial concept for the "Champions of Liberty" stamps developed by Arnold Copeland, William H. Buckley and Ervine Metz of the Postmaster General's Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee.

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Areas covered are United States airmail stamps; pioneer, governmental, CAM, and FAM flights; dedication covers; and crash covers. A total of 408 pages is needed to contain this compilation of pertinent airmail facts. All data are as accurate and complete as it has been possible to assemble them, and where indicated art editor Lester S. Manning has inserted specially drawn maps and other illustrations.

In size, binding and format No. III matches Volumes I and II. Along with its predecessors, it is a "must" for the airmail cover enthusiast. Volume III is priced at \$5 from AAMS business manager George D. Kingdom, Conneaut, Ohio. Limited numbers of the deluxe edition at \$10, and the sponsor's edition bound in maroon leather at \$25, are also available. Still in stock are a few copies of the 1947 Volume I at \$7.50, postpaid, also from Mr. Kingdom.

Lincoln Cachet By
Old Kentucky Scouts

A special Abraham Lincoln cachet will be issued by the Scouts of Old Kentucky Home Council on May 31 to commemorate a Lincoln Trail hike observance. Covers will carry an artistic cachet, appropriate to the occasion. The 1c beardless Lincoln stamp will be used, canceled with the distinctive 1959 Lincoln Sesquicentennial cancellation used by the Hodgenville, Ky. post office.

Several thousand Scouts and Explorers from across the nation will hike the historic trail from Knob Creek to Hodgenville. This trail, sponsored by Order of the Arrow campers, winds through the valleys and hills where Lincoln spent his boyhood.

Collectors may order covers from Lincoln Trail Cachet, Boy Scouts of America, 431 W. Liberty St., Louisville 2, Ky. at 15c each, seven for \$1. A limited number of plate block covers will be available on a "first come, first served" basis at 40c each. Checks or money orders should be drawn to Old Kentucky Home Council, BSA. Cover orders should reach the Scout office not later than Monday, May 25.

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Quad City Exhibition In
Rock Island May 23-24

The Quad City Stamp Club will hold its spring exhibition May 23-24 at the Hotel Fort Armstrong, Rock Island, Ill. Approximately 200 frames will be displayed and nine dealers will occupy the bourse. The annual banquet is scheduled for 6:30 p. m. the 23rd with a nationally known speaker on the program.

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Two Classics On
"Interposta" Pair

Two early German classics are featured respectively on the 10 pfennigs plus 5pf. and 20pf. plus 10pf. semipostals to be released by Germany May 22 to mark the international stamp exhibition "INTERPEX" being held in Hamburg May 22-31.



The low value will feature the 1 Schilling brown of Hamburg, No. 2 of 1859, while the other will depict Lubeck's 1859 No. 3 brown, the error with value "2" in numerals and "Zwei Ein Halb" (2 1/2) in words. The big philatelic event itself commemorates the centenary of the appearance of the first stamps of the two early Hanseatic cities.



Both new adhesives are similarly inscribed with two vertical lines of text at the left, and one at the right, of the principal design. They read "Mai 1959 Postwertzeichen" and "Ausstellung 'Interposta'" and "Deutsche Bundespost" respectively, in all capital letters. Values are at bottom center in each case.

Designs are the work of Arthur Schraml, Munich, with engraving by Jans Joachim Fuchs and Egon Falz, respectively, for the two items. Printing is a combination of steel engraving and offset, by the Federal Printing Office, Berlin.

The 10pf. plus 5pf. is brown and green on light gray, while the high value is red and brown on the same light gray. The edition is 2,500,000 sets, on the usual white "DBP" wmk paper. Sales will continue through November 30, with validity through 1960, according to the German Postal Department's bulletin.

New Jets Chicago,
Baltimore To Coast

On or about May 29 Trans World Airlines will inaugurate jet airmail service between Baltimore, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Official cachets will be furnished the post offices at the three cities and the Airport Mail Facilities at Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Collectors may send stamped (airmail rate) and addressed envelopes to the desired postmasters and Airport Mail Facilities, with notes requesting that they be held for servicing.

Continental Airlines will inaugurate jet airmail service on or about June 8 between Chicago and Los Angeles. Here, too, official cachets will be furnished for both post offices and for both Airport Mail Facilities, and collectors may submit envelopes as above outlined.

Range's "Weapons" In
North Jersey May 22

Thomas Range of Forest Hills, N. Y. will be the guest speaker at the May meeting of the New Jersey Chapter of The American Topical Assn. He will show his collection of Weapons on Stamps.

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It was in 1889, 70 years ago, that Otto Lilienthal made gliding flight a practical science. Fifty years ago, in 1909, the first aviation meeting was held at Rheims, France and the first Channel crossing in an aeroplane was made by Bleriot.

The year 1919, 40 years ago, was a memorable one in aviation history, as it was then that Sir John Alcock and Sir Arthur Whitten-Brown made the first successful trans-Atlantic nonstop airplane flight. This year also saw the double Atlantic crossing — first lighter-than-air Atlantic flight made by Major G. H. Scott in the British Airship R34 as well as the first flight from England to Australia by Sir Ross Smith.

It was 35 years ago, in 1924, that the United States Army made its first round-the-world flight, followed five years later, in 1929, by the airship Graf Zeppelin with its epoch-making globe girdling tour. In 1939, 20 years ago, the first jet aircraft was flown by Heinkel, and in this same year, the United States inaugurated its trans-Atlantic airmail service.

The exhibition will also coincide with the issuance the same week of the United States 7c "Balloon Jupiter" airmail stamp commemorating the 100th anniversary of the first "airmail" to be carried in the balloon Jupiter at Lafayette, Ind. by John Wise and John La Mountain.

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20 Years Of High Class Merchandising

When a merchant dealing in Philatelic Merchandise, which means other than postage stamps, completes 20 successful years it is really worth mentioning. We are referring to the August Brothers, operating as the Washington Press and producers of Aircraft First Day Covers and White Ace Stamp Albums. If our recollection is correct we believe they produced their first First Day Cover for the New York Worlds Fair stamp. We can be mistaken about this as we have not been coached by these gentlemen and are writing wholly from memory of their past activities.



GEORGE W. LINN

After starting into the First Day Cover business they changed over to the beautifully engraved line which they have produced ever since. Their covers were the first of this high quality and since then others have entered into the field of engraved cachets.

Following several successful years in the cover field they finally put in the market a series of White Ace Album pages which have been no less successful than their FDC's. Their operations have been in a very high class manner, which has been greatly responsible for their success as their customers are scattered from coast to coast.

Beginning in the month of April they celebrate their 20th year. We sincerely hope

If You Collect Triangle Stamps

I always like to give out information that will be helpful to other collectors and believe that I am fully justified in announcing that I have sold my collection of "Triangle" stamps which I have built over the last fifteen years. It had grown to such size that it was mounted in five albums, two of stamps off cover, and three of stamps on cover. It was well along towards completion and contained a great many very unusual items and some stamps on cover that I believe were unique.

Since this collection was bought by another collector of Triangle stamps, with the intention of combining the two collections into one, I believe other similar specialists will be interested in knowing that the man who bought my collection will, after combining the two, have a very fine lot of duplicate material which he would like to trade with others.

He is Col. Henry H. Rogers, G2 Section, Hq 6th Army, Presidio, San Francisco, Calif. Col. Rogers will welcome correspondence with other Triangle collectors for the purpose of trading duplicates. I hope that those with whom I traded, and with whom I have corresponded in the past, will contact him.

Trouble With Dominican Republic Agency

I have had a great many letters from collectors and dealers who have been unable to get delivery of stamps or to get a refund on recent orders to this Agency. We have heard some reference to the fact that the management changed hands and that the new manager was unfriendly toward doing business with Americans. Such a letter is at hand from Mr. Homer Diman of the Universal Stamp Co. of Tampa, Fla. Mr. Diman has taken the matter up with Mr. Henry Hammond, Counselor for Economic Affairs, c/o American Embassy, Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic. If others who are still waiting for stamps or refund will write this man it can turn out that a number of complaints will bring about action that will clear up matters for everyone.

For Religion on Stamps Collectors

You who follow the topic of Religion on Stamps will want the lovely new set of six stamps that were issued recently by Haiti. This set is a memorial issue for Pope Pius XII. It is a very colorful and attractive set. There are three designs, one on each of the stamps for regular postage and the same subjects repeated on the three stamps for Air Mail.

Speaking of Stamp Thefts Again

Evidently the collectors and dealers as well as the Police of Oklahoma and Texas have little love for stamp thieves and get result—where most others fail.

We have at hand clippings concerning a theft of stamps from a dealer in Tulsa, Okla. The theft was not near so large as the gentry usually make and amounted to only \$1200. It is reported that the thief took the stamps to Mexico where he disposed of them. Both Oklahoma and Texas police got on the trail of this man and he was picked up and tried in Tulsa where he was given a three-year sentence by the local judge.

What a contrast to the way these boys are handled over in the eastern part of these United States.

More On The UN Precancel Counterfeits

Following the release of matter on the UN Precancels issued by the New England Chapter of the ASDA which was published in both Mekeel's and Stamp Wholesaler, Mr. Tvedt of the UN Postal Service has issued a reply which denies the story told in an article by Mr. Kehr a few years ago.

Mr. Tvedt again states that there was but one original printing of these precancels and at the same time gives a list of the various mailings on which these stamps were used.

We still believe that the way to track this matter down will be for all dealers who handled any of them to report to us the exact number they bought, from whom they brought them, and what they paid for them.

We believe that the result of such a report would be to trace all of the stamps to the one party who is suspected of putting them in the market and finally clearing up the matter. In fact we believe it an obligation that dealers do this as we believe dealers want to help keep the hobby clean.

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The cachet is being used in conjunction with a special slogan cancellation "Historic First USAFA Graduation, 29 May-3 June" during the stated period.

Mint cacheted envelopes are offered at 5c each, plus a large stamped return envelope with each order. Covers, franked and canceled, sent unaddressed in a larger envelope, are 15c each, seven for \$1. Collectors interested only in the slogan may submit stamped, addressed covers which will be serviced without charge.

All orders should be sent to "Historic First" Cachet, P. O. Box 23, USAF Academy, Colo. to arrive in time for the event.

1959 STAMP PROGRAM

May 30 — Lincoln 4c commem, Washington, D. C. (50 per pane, 120 million).

June 6 — Benjamin Harrison 12c regular, Oxford, Ohio. (100 per pane).

June 8 — Silver Centennial 4c, Virginia City, Nev.

June 17 — Bunker Hill 2½c regular, Boston 9, Mass. (100 per pane).

June 26 — St. Lawrence Seaway 4c, Massena, N. Y. (50 per pane, 120 million).

July 4 — 49-Star Flag stamp 4c, Washington, D.C. (50 per pane, 120 million).

Aug. 17 — Airmail Balloon 100th Year 7c, Lafayette, Ind. (90 million).

Aug. 26 Soil Conservation 4c, Rapid City, S. D. (50 per pane, 120 million).

Aug. 27 — Petroleum Industry 4c, Titusville, Pa.

Aug. 27 — Third Pan American Games 10c, Airmail, Chicago, Ill. (40 million).

Sept. 14 — Dental Health 4c, New York 1, N. Y. (50 per pane, 120 million).

Sept. 29 — Ernst Reuter "Champion of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington 13, D. C. (4c, 70 per pane, 120 million; 8c, 72 per pane, 40 million).

Details as to denomination, color and printings will be announced when available.

ALREADY ISSUED

C53 — Alaska Statehood Airmail 7c, Juneau, January 3.

1113 — Lincoln 1c commem, Hodgenville, Ky., February 12.

1124 — Oregon Statehood 4c, Astoria, Ore., February 14.

1125-26 — San Martin "Champions of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington, D.C. February 25.

1114 — Lincoln 3c commem, New York, N. Y. February 27.

1037 — Hermitage 4½c regular, Hermitage, Tenn., March 16.

1127 — NATO 4c, Washington, D. C. April 1.

1128 — Polar Exploration 4c, April 6, Cresson, Pa.

1129 — Peace Through Trade 8c, Washington, D. C., April 20.

1059 — Hermitage 4½c coil, Denver, Colo. May 1.

UNITED NATIONS

May 18 — 4c and 8c Economic Commission for Europe.

CANADA

June 18 — Royal Visit 5c.

June 26 — Joint Canada-U.S. Seaway issue 5c.

— Partnership of Races, Quebec.

To obtain First Day Covers collectors may send a reasonable quantity each with a name and address, and enclosing a sticker to the Postmaster of the designated first day city with a request for FD service. Payment must accompany to cover the face value of the stamps to be affixed. For UN and Canadian first days, watch the news stories on these and follow instructions.

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Seaway FDC's OK

The United States Post Office Department will accept first day covers at the Massena, N. Y. post office on June 26 bearing both the U. S. and Canadian St. Lawrence Seaway commemorative stamps. The U. S. stamp(s) should be placed in the upper right corner, since this is the franking which will prepay the first-class U. S. postage. The Canadian stamp may be placed directly below, or to the left.

This service will be accorded only to individuals personally presenting such combination covers on June 26. The U. S. Post Office at Massena can not, by law, have supplies of the Canadian stamps available for sale and consequently will be unable to affix such Canadian stamps when servicing requests for first day covers received by mail. To repeat, collectors desiring this "two countries on one" service must either attend the first day event in person or employ the services of an FDC agent on the scene.

Further, the U. S. Post Office Department will accept no responsibility for the replacement of covers bearing both stamps, nor will it offer any assurances that any part of the cancellation will fall on the Canadian stamp.

Massena, N. Y. is approximately 90 miles from Ottawa, by way of Morrisburg, Ont., Canada, and the bridge across the St. Lawrence into Cornwall, N. Y.

UN Covers On First Jet Flight To Coast

A total of 6525 covers was serviced by the United Nations post office in New York for the March 21 first New York-San Francisco jet flight by Trans World Airlines, according to the "United Nations Newsletter" published in Hollis 12, N. Y.

The Newsletter reports also that 17,989 covers were serviced on the January 6 first day of issue of the UN slogan cancellation honoring the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization. Also, 18,593 were handstruck by the new rubber "bullseye" device on its first day of use, March 2.

Finally, according to this source, the World Health Day meter design of March 1-April 6, 1956 was restored to use on official mail only for a few days, April 1-7, 1959.

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Never have I heard so many complaints about catalog listings as about those given in the Scott Catalogs for the past two years. It has, in some quarters, been considered good clean sport to lambast Scott Publications for some of the glaring deficiencies in its reference volumes. Scott has earned its lumps—however, this corner has never seen fit to make a project of adding a few more here and there.

I do think it time that the firm takes a searching look at its operations and its product, and do something to correct the various things for which it has been criticized. Some of them have to do with its choice of color designations; its reluctance to change a listing or information even when irrefutable evidence points to an error; and an unwillingness to include data of interest to collectors, to name a few.

The biggest gripe, and in a way it is the smallest of small potatoes, is the Scott reluctance to be practical and foresighted about the numbering of issued stamps. Many of you know that the numbers for certain U. S. stamps in the 1959 Volume I, are not like those for the identical ones in the 1959 U. S. Specialized. The Liberty Series which should all be collected in one place is spread apart and causes hunting which is entirely unnecessary.

One could say to a griper, "Well, if you don't like the Scott Catalog, get some other one."

It isn't that easy since the Scott books are an institution on which a great deal of the orderliness of stamp collecting in the United States depends. The merchandising and classification of stamps are almost exclusively based on its numbers of identification.

Scott Publications is going to have to get over its phlegmatic attitude, get in tune with the times, or suffer extinction. The public will only go along so far with an institution — when it stops being important or useful it is tossed to the wolves — more appropriately in this instance, to the silverfish.

Fortunately for collectors in the United States, they do have a second catalog on which to depend, the "American", concerned with U. S. issues, a product of Minkus Publications. Minkus also produces a two-volume world-wide set of catalogs, as well as some just announced sectional ones which deal exclusively with certain countries or areas of the world.

The American, while not nearly as specialized and handy a reference book as the Scott, has everything 95 per cent of those interested in United States issues want to know. It further has important information and ease of use which the older book never has had.

The Scott Catalogs are still the most important books available to us because the Scott numbers are used almost exclusively by collectors and dealers. I think it is that factor alone which is keeping them in use.

Unless Scott Publications starts getting on the ball, but quick and good, Minkus Publications is going to take over the catalog field in this country. It hasn't been too long ago that Scott albums were what most everyone used in which to mount stamps. That isn't so today simply because the firm did not care to, or was not in a position to, give good service in producing the supplements on a yearly basis, and revising when necessary. Minkus Publications has gained the "lion's share" of the former Scott album trade by making desirable merchandise and having it ready when collectors want it.

Given the break of more lethargy on the part of Scotts, Minkus will put them out of the catalog business. Then some of the old-timers will rally around a table in a bistro somewhere and cry in their respective beers over the passing of an ancient institution.

But it won't be a passing exactly — it'll be suicide!

1. What objects, not counting the ribbon, are to be seen in the design of the Religious Freedom commem of 1957?

2. The first Champions of Liberty stamp pictured Ramon Magsaysay on the medal. The top half of the medal's inscription read, "1953 Ramon Magsaysay 1957". What did the bottom half read?

A book which does not tie in with stamps directly, but which might be of interest to "philatelic railroaders" can be gotten from Washington. The title is "The First Quarter-century of Steam Locomotives in North America". It has 112 pages and is profusely illustrated. It provides a complete catalog of

the locomotive collection of the United States National Museum. Authored by the Curator of Land Transportation of the Museum, it describes and pictures relics and replicas of such historic old steam locomotives as the "Tom Thumb", "De Witt Clinton", "John Bull" and others used during the period 1825-49.

The story of these old iron-horses — who built them, when they were built, their specifications, and other interesting and historical facts — is given. There is also a supplementary section which briefly describes some of the other models involved in events in history of railroading or mark major steps in its progress. If this interests you address your order to the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Govt. Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. Ask for Catalog No. SI 3.3: 210 and include a dollar in payment.

I wonder how many of you get to see the various new slogan cancellations which the Post Office Department permits in various places around the nation. Here at the office we get to see a lot of them since our mail comes in from all over. Quite a few are attractive. We do publicize the post offices where slogans are in use, usually several weeks before their inaugural dates, depending always on the promptness with which the POD Information Service gets this data to us.

While there are slogans which have a fairly decent value, the majority have no notable worth. This is one of those offshoots of the parent philately which falls in the "fun mostly" category, rather than something which would have some reasonable redeemable cash value after one is through with such a collection.

As in most all collecting, the pleasure comes in the pursuit, possession and the people one meets along the way.

The "wise ones" place the right edge of their stamps about two inches in from the right edge of the envelope. This will many times get a "socked-on-the-nose" postmark on the stamp, and give a clear impression of the slogan on the envelope. Some use the postal card which is a cent cheaper in postage, and less costly than an envelope and stuffer.

Instead of keeping the entire item a section of the card or envelope approximately 4 inches wide, measured from the right, and 2 inches deep, measured from the top, is cut out. This saves bulk in the album while at the same time gives everything of importance pertinent to the slogan and postmark. Collectors also have a catalog. It

NOTICE

My office will be closed from May 4th to June 30th 1959.
I will be on a buying trip thru the West. All orders received during my absence will be filled on my return home.

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gives an illustration of all the slogans, time and place of use, and a value. Slogans have been used for many, many years, especially for the world fairs and other national events of importance.

Shown here is an essay for a stamp intended to give publicity for the "space satellite, and trip to other planets" program of the U. S. It was prepared by Peter E. Viemeister, Briarcliff Pl., Huntington, N. J.



This is a rather tidy bit of artistry which the POD might consider if it ever gets rockets in the head. (I suppose I should be ashamed of that one, but being the brassy type, I'm not!) I finally figured out what the pockmarked area in the foreground is — it looked very familiar. It's my yard where the kids have been running through on the soft ground.

Do not send any correspondence to me until after June 1 as I will be gone the entire month of May in Europe on my way to the INTERPOSTA at Hamburg, Germany.

1. The Bible, a hat, and pen and inkwell.
2. "President of the Philippines".

Lakewood, Ohio Annual Exhibition May 22-24

The fifth annual exhibition of the Lakewood Stamp Club will be staged May 22-24 in the YM&YWCA, 16915 Detroit Ave., Lakewood, Ohio.

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St. Helena

The 300th anniversary of landing issue was released May 5.

Austria

May 14 was day of issue of the International Hunting Congress set. The designs are all by A. Pilch, as follows: 1S. magenta, woodcock (engraver R. Toth); 1.50S. blue-gray deer (G. Wimmer); 2.40S., green blue; wild boar (Toth); 3.50S. brown, stag family (Wimmer). Editions are five million of the 1S. and three million of the rest. Recess printed at the Austrian State Printing Office.

Belgium

The sales period of the "European Refugees" charity stamps has been extended to May 30.

Germany (DDR)

May 15 saw two stamps for the Conference of East European Postal Ministers: 20pf. yellow and black; 25pf. blue and black: posthorn and abbreviation of the title of the conference. Designs by H. Klopfel, offset printed.

Germany (West)

The "Interposta" stamps are printed in an edition of 2,500,000 sets. The 20pf. plus 10pf. shows a reproduction of the Lubeck error 2½S. on 2S.

Germany (West Berlin)

The 7pf. blue green definitive in the Heuss-in-oval design was released April 10. On the same date, the 7pf. Broadcasting Tower pictorial was withdrawn from sale. It remains valid until further notice.

Germany (SAAR)

The Interposta stamps will not be released for the Saar owing to the problem of dealing with remittances of the surcharge from France accounts after the end of the sales period.

Hungary

Next set to be released comprises eight values for the Budapest Transport Museum, showing typical exhibits: 20f. old locomotive, 30f. electric locomotive, 40f. railway signal, 60f. old car, 1ft. modern bus, 2ft. paddle steamer, 2.50ft. mail coach, and 3ft. first Hungarian aeroplane. Release is expected in May.

Jugoslavia

New releases are: May 3 — Obligatory Surtax and Tax-due stamps for Red Cross Week. The design shows a family group being protected by a large hand. Printed off set by the Belgrade Banknote Printing Office from a drawing by B. Spremo and A. Milenkovic, values are 2d red and blue, tax 3,500,000; and 2d red and ochre, tax due 1,000,000.

May 24 — 4th Yugoslav Young Philatelists Exhibition, Dubrovnik (JUFIZ IV): 20d blue, dark green and olive, view of Dubrovnik in the 16th century, from an old oil painting, designed and engraved by T. Krnjajic (200,000). Recess printed.

May 25 — Yugoslav Flora, 1959. The designs in this set are similar to the previous Yugoslav Flower issue, and show: 10d blue, green and violet, Lavender (2,600,000); 15d yellow, red brown, green, red, Black Alder (2,600,000); 20d ochre, carmine, green and yellow green, Scopolia (2,500,000); 25d ochre, violet and green, Monks Hood (500,000).

Also, 30d purple, dark blue and green, Bilberry (500,000); 35d brown, violet, light and dark green, Juniper (450,000); 50d brown, green, yellow, orange, Primrose (150,000); 70d ochre, green, red and yellow, Pomegranate (150,000); 100d brown, green, gray and yellow, Thorn apple (120,000). Designs by M. Zlamalik, photogravure printed by Courvoisier S. A.

Rumania

April should have seen the release of five values honoring Famous Men: 55b. Charles Darwin; 55b. A. S. Popov; 55b. Sholem Aleichem; 55b. G. F. Handel; 3.35L. Frederic Joliot-Curie. Photogravure printed in the designs similar to previous issues in this group. A 55b. showing Robert Burns has also been added. The future program is announced to include: May — 11 values, native birds; June — 5 values, Sports; 5 values, 10th anniversary of Collective Farms; July — 5 values, 500 years Bucarest.

Also August — 3 values and one miniature sheet, 15th anniversary of liberation; September, 10 values, native flowers; October, 6 values, Animals under Nature Protection; November, 6 values, Cultural personalities; December, centenary of the A.I. Cuza University, Jassy.

San Marino

Seven "Pre-Olympic" stamps are due May 19, showing portraits of sports pioneers such as De Coubertin, De Baillet-Latour, Bonaccossa, Monu, Edstrom and Brundage. Denominations are 2, 3, 5, 30, 60, 80 Lire, and 120L. airmail.

Colombia

The following adhesives will be overprinted and reissued with new values in the near future: 5c express on "Lady of Chiquinquirá" design; 10c on 25c Las Lajas Shrine; 4c on 2c Cartagena Harbor (Dept. of Bolivar); 60c on 50c airmail "Monkey of the Fountain".

Mexico

Several stamps were to be released for the 27th meeting of the Economic and Social Council, which sat in Mexico City from April 7. 30 and 50c values are also expected for the birth centenary of President Carranza.

Paraguay

The following new issue program will bring: May 31 — Sports stamps featuring football and basketball (airmail); August — "Paraguay in Progress" Petroleum Industry and Highway Bldg.; September — 7 values for Human Rights; October — United Nations Day; November — 150th birthday of Lincoln; December — Flora of Paraguay.

Tunisia

The Africa Freedom Day stamp shows a running figure with torch across a map of Africa.

On May 1 two values were issued for stamp Day — 6m. portrait of Tisserand; 20m. plus 5m. postman on his rounds. Designs by D. ben Abdallah, and H. el Mekki. The 20m. plus 5m. is printed in a limited edition; surcharge toward the Tunis Postal Employees Charity.

Czechoslovakia

The Pilsen Stamp Exhibition set also marks the centenary of the foundation of the Skoda Works. The designs show: 30h. brown, Pilsen Town Hall; 60h. violet and green, part of the steam condenser turbine; 1Kc. black and yellow, part of a lathe, Sr. type 1200. Designs and engravings by Svengsbir.

The two values for the 4th Trades Union Congress were issued May 13.

Uruguay

The 3 centesimos "Flower" stamps have been overprinted in black "5 Cents" and surcharged with the Mercury Staff emblem for express mail use.

Malaya

The Kedah Sultan Installation comm. will be withdrawn June 30. Numbers sold of the 1st anniversary of Independence set are: 10c, 6,938,867; 30c, 702,080.

Montserrat

The 2c Coronation stamp will be invalidated September 1.

West Indies Federation

The Federation Commemoratives for Antigua, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent were withdrawn April 21, and the Barbados issue April 22. Trinidad and Tobago stamps remain on sale until the supply is exhausted.

Dominica

Numbers sold of the QEII stamps replaced by new designs are: 3c, 220,623; 5c, 185,002; 48c, 49,540.

Seychelles

Numbers sold of the old QEII designs, since replaced, are: 3c, 753,290; 9c, 348,475; 18c, 211,193; 45c, 90,354.

Nigeria

Of the bicolored 2d definitive, 64,654,644 copies were sold.

Falkland Island Dependencies

Sales figures of the Transantarctic Expedition set are: 1d, 259,482; 2½d, 184,361; 3d, 179,390; 6d, 176,860. Of these, sales in the Dependencies accounted for 1d, €922; 2½d, 7101; 3d, 7020; 6d, 6900.

Northern Ohio Vatican Collectors Meet May 21

The Northern Ohio Chapter of the Vatican Philatelic Society will note its first anniversary May 21. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Women's Federal Bank Bldg., 320 Superior Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. Father Basil of St. Andrew's Abbey will show and discuss slides of Vatican City. The club now has 22 members, and will welcome visitors and prospects at the coming meeting.

Lincoln Check List In "FA Philatelist"

Featured in the January-February 1959 issue of the "FINE ARTS PHILATELIST" is "Abraham Lincoln on our Stamps" by W. Lee Fergus.

It has not been the custom of this publication to reprint articles, but because of the timeliness of the subject and the fact that Mr. Fergus straightens out some of the popular misconceptions with regard to the portraits of Lincoln appearing on United States stamps, this article was reprinted from the February 1958 issue of "THE AMERICAN PHILATELIST".

The master work is this issue continues the study of Italian stamps showing paintings, sculpture, architecture, and music. Thanks to the help of students of Italian stamps, this is one of the most complete listings the Fine Arts Unit of the American Topical Assn. has produced. As usual, the sources of many of the portraits on stamps have been identified.

Despite rising costs, membership in the Fine Arts Unit, including the five yearly issues of the FINE ARTS PHILATELIST, remains at \$1 per calendar year. A sample copy will be mailed for 25c in coins or stamps. Further information on the unit may be secured from Beatrice Berner, 200 E. 36th St., New York 16, N. Y.

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8	VF block #C13 on Zepp flight	120.00+
9	#C14 1930 Zepp VF mint, NH 62.50	120.00+
10	#C14 VF mint, centered, NH block 250.00	120.00+
11	#C14 VF used on card 1930 Zepp	45.00+
12	Same, on flight to Friedrichshafen	45.00+
13	Same, on flight to Friedrichshafen	45.00+
14	F-VF set of 5 diff. flight point covers	225.00+
15	Zepp stamp (5 x C14)	90.00+
16	#C14 VF pr on Zepp flight to Rio	40.00
17	#C14 VF light cancel single	40.00
18	Same, NH cancel but cent. to top 40.00	40.00
19	#C15, 32.60 Zepp VF, NH	90.00
20	Same, NH single with plate no. VF 90.00+	90.00+
21	#C15 VF mint but 3 perfs sep. 425.00	425.00
22	#C15 VF on 1930 Zepp flight cover 80.00	80.00
23	VF used block on Zepp flight cvr. 80.00	80.00
24	F-VF set of 4 diff. flight point covers	320.00+
25	of 1930 Zepp flight all with 2.60	320.00+
26	Zepp stamp (4 x C15)	75.00
27	#C15, VF used single	190.00+
28	#C15-15 1930 Zepp cpl. 65c to 2.60	140.00
29	beautiful NH set, VF mint	125.00
30	Same, VF used singles cpl.	125.00
31	#C14-15 VF 1930 Zepp flight cover	125.00
32	with 1.30 and 2.60 values	125.00
33	#C18, the 1933 50c Zepp VF used 10.00	125.00
34	Same, on Graf Zepp flight cover 12.00+	125.00
35	VF used block on Zepp flight cvr. 50.00+	125.00
36	VF set of 6 diff. flight point	72.00+
37	covers (6 x C18)	72.00+
38	1929, 1st Round the World US Graf	72.00+
39	Zepp Flight cover, regular postage	72.00+
40	used, VF	72.00+

Lot #	Description	Cat. Val.
41	GERMANY ZEPPELIN ISSUES	
42	Germany C36-7 on 2 Zepp covers VF 5.75+	27.00+
43	8 diff. point Zepp flight covers, all	27.00+
44	with C36-7 & others F-VF	27.00+
45	#C36-7, VF used singles	5.75
46	#C38-9, on 2 Zepp flight covers, VF 37.50+	37.50+
47	Same, on S. Am. flight cover VF 37.50+	37.50+
48	8 diff. Zepp point flight covers contain	187.50+
49	5 cpl. sets S. A. Zepp Issue (6	187.50+
50	covers-5 x C38-9) F-VF used 50c.	187.50+
51	#C38-9 VF used 1930 S.A. Zepp issue 37.50	37.50
52	#C43-5 Chicago World Fair set cpl.	29.50+
53	on 1 Zepp flight cover, VF	29.50+
54	#C44-5 the 2 & 4 mark values on	12.00+
55	3 Zepp flight covers, VF	12.00+
56	#C44-5 VF used singles	12.00
57	Graf Zepp—a cover mailed on board	12.00
58	ship with German regular issues	12.00
59	23 German covers all diff. flight points	12.00
60	inc. various Zepp & plane flights to	12.00
61	1923; inc. high cat. val. airm.	12.00
62	11 diff. German Zepp & plane flight	12.00
63	covers to 1933; inc. scarce EST. sell 25.00	25.00
64	ARGENTINA #C21-2 VF used 50c.	11.00
65	1 peso Zepp overprints	11.00
66	AUSTRIA #C12/3 VF cover with 1929	11.00
67	air set cpl. from 2g to 10 sh. beautiful	11.00
68	and scarce Zepp flight point	11.00
69	Zepp cover	11.00
70	LATIN AMERICA countries, 23.65+	23.65+
71	inc. early Zepp & plane flights; all	23.65+
72	diff. and inc. scarce Sanabria listed	23.65+
73	material. EST. selling price of lot	23.65+
74	\$25.00-35.00	23.65+
75	Graf Zepp & 1st cover from a	35.00
76	diff. countries inc. scarce Ruman;	35.00
77	F-VF covers inc. better stamps	35.00
78	EST. sell	35.00
79	Graf Zepp; a lot of various country	50.00
80	Zepp covers; stamps alone cat. over	50.00
81	30 covers; various Zepp & plane	50.00
82	flights all prior to 1930 from over	50.00
83	20 diff. countries, valuable lot	50.00

Lot #	Description	Cat. Val.
84	U.S. FIRST DAY COVERS	
85	12 Zepp & plane covers; early: from	15.00
86	7 diff. countries F-VF EST. Sell 25.00	15.00
87	1929-30 Pilgrim F.D. Phila. #549	15.00
88	1924-9 12 diff. F.D. covers #614/57	15.00
89	1925 Lex-Conc. cpl. on 3 F.D. covers	15.00
90	#617-9	15.00
91	1928 Valley Forge 7 F.D. covers	15.00
92	7 diff. Oct. 1st Day cities (7 x #645)	15.00
93	Molly Pitcher #646, 3 covers at 3	15.00
94	diff. 1st Day cities	15.00
95	Aero Conf. cpl. #649-50 on 2 covers	4.50
96	1929 2c Sullivan set of 16 First Day	4.50
97	covers from 16 diff. cities cpl. (657)	12.00+
98	Fallen Timbers 5 diff. Sept. 14 F.D. 5.00	5.00
99	Same, plus 7 unofficial 1st day cancels	5.00
100	along Wayne Trail Cities (12 x	5.00
101	#680)	12.00+
102	Ohio River 6 diff. F.D. covers, 3.95	3.95
103	1930 6 diff. F.D. covers #682/9	3.95
104	1930 8 diff. F.D. cover cancels #682/9	7.35
105	1931 Pulaski cpl. set of 12 diff.	7.35
106	Jan 16 1st day cover cities #690 7.85+	7.85+
107	#702-3, 16-7 F.D. 6 diff. covers	4.10
108	#682/702 5 diff. F.D. covers	10.00+
109	all with blocks of 4	10.00+
110	#880/703 12 diff. 2c First Day	20.00+
111	covers all with blocks of 4	20.00+
112	1932 Wash. Bicent. cpl. on Stoutenberg	18.70+
113	picture covers #704-15 F.D.	18.70+
114	Same, but all in blocks of 4	50.00+
115	Summer Olympic on 2 F.D. covers	2.00
116	#718-9	2.00
117	Fenn & Webster 6 diff. Oct. 24 F.D.	4.65
118	covers #724-5	4.65
119	1934 Nat. Parks cpl. except for 7c;	20.00
120	9 diff. F.D. covers with blocks of 4	20.00
121	#740-5, 7-9	20.00
122	Trans-Miss. Expo. sheet #751 F.D.	3.50
123	Imp. Nat. Parks cpl. #756-65 all with	33.50
124	blocks of 4, 10 diff. F.D. covers	33.50
125	#768 3c Byrd Imp. in vert. gutter	33.50
126	block #769 F.D. cancel (Est. 6.00)	6.00
127	#771 16c Imp. block of 4	6.00
128	1st Day use on cover (Est. 12.50)	12.50
129	1938 Pres. Issue 1/2c to 7c 9 diff.	8.70
130	First Day covers #803-12	8.70
131	#815-29 Pres. 10c to 25c all VF	20.50
132	#832 Pres. 41. value VF cachet F.D. 17.00	17.00
133	#833 Pres. 32. value VF cachet F.D. 17.00	17.00
134	#815-29 10c to 25c all in blocks	51.25
135	of 4 on VF cachet covers	51.25
136	#832 41. in block of 4, VF 1st D. 42.50	42.50
137	#833 32. in VF block of 4, 1st Day 42.50+	42.50+
138	#834 the 45.00 Pres value in	42.50+
139	block of 4 on VF cachet cover.	42.50+
140	THESE WERE ONLY 76 BLOCKS OF 4	42.50+
141	OF THIS STAMP GIVEN FIRST DAY	42.50+
142	OF ISSUE COVER SERVICE	42.50+
143	SCARCE	42.50+
144	#803-834 the 1938 Pres. 1/2c to	261.00+
145	85.00 cpl. all in blocks of 4 on	261.00+
146	VF cachet covers; scarce	261.00+
147	1940 Famous Americans cpl. on matched	40.00+
148	set of 35 cachet covers #859-93 40.00+	40.00+
149	Same, cpl. matched set of Fam. Am.	60.00
150	1st Day covers all in pairs	60.00

U. S. 1st DAY COVERS

SEE LOTS 51 TO 100

DESCRIPTIONS:
VF—Very Fine, above average condition, choice.
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G—Good, perfs may touch design, or heavy cancel.
★—Mint: Used; ★★—Cover; ★★★—Block.
Descriptions and prices from Scott 1959 standard
and U. S. Specialized Catalogues.

Lot #	Description	Cat. Val.
51	Fam. Am. cpl. in blocks of 4 on	100.00+
52	matched set of cachet F.D.	100.00+
53	covers; #859-93. VF	100.00+
54	NOTE: prices for blocks of 4 on 1st day covers are	100.00+
55	figured at 2 1/2 times price for singles; see 1959 Scott	100.00+
56	U.S. Spec. Cat. page 191.	100.00+
57	100 diff. US 1st day covers prior to	100.00+
58	1950, all commems and mostly cachet	100.00+
59	#C13-15 cpl. 1st day use. Air covers VF	100.00+
60	1950 inc. commems and airm. mostly	100.00+
61	cachet and all very fine	100.00+
62	50 diff. US 1st day covers prior to	100.00+
63	1950 all with blocks of 4, mostly	100.00+
64	cachet and VF	100.00+
65	#C13 the 1930 85c Zepp, First Day	50.00
66	use on card; fine	50.00
67	#C14 the 1.30 Zepp, First Day use	75.00
68	on card; VF	75.00
69	#C15 the 2.60 Zepp on VF F.D. cov. 125.00	125.00
70	#C13-15 cpl. 1930 Zepp issue on 3	250.00+
71	covers, all 1st day use. Air covers VF	250.00+
72	#C18, 1933 Cent. of Prog. 50c Zepp	17.50+
73	on N.Y. N.Y. Oct. 2 F.D. covers	17.50+
74	(only 3500 serviced)	17.50+
75	#C12/45 12 diff. 1st Day Air Covers 9.40	9.40
76	#C24/45 9 diff. F.D. Air covers all	16.40
77	#C12/45 21 diff. F.D. Air covers all	17.85
78	#C19/45 16 diff. F.D. Air covers all	22.60
79	with blocks of 4	22.60
80	Interesting collection of over 200 diff.	22.60
81	First Day covers; inc. many 2c	22.60
82	commems. Airm. 7c issues, commems,	22.60
83	etc. prior to 1951. Fine lot	22.60
84	(Est. Sell at \$50.00)	22.60
85	1928-35 US AIRPORT DEDICATIONS &	22.60
86	Special Flight covers: an interesting	22.60
87	collection of 220 diff. All items	22.60
88	have the special cachet used for	22.60
89	the event; valuable lot	22.60
90	Similar, but smaller lot of 100 diff.	22.60
91	Dedication & Flight covers; from 1928	22.60
92	to 1935, nice lot. EST. Sell at 15.00+	22.60
93	US C.A.M. 1st Flight Covers: an	22.60
94	extensive collection of over 400 diff.	22.60
95	flight point covers. C.A.M. 1 to 34	22.60
96	beginning with the earliest flights;	22.60
97	many scarce flights are included and	22.60
98	all items have the special cachet used	22.60
99	for the event; valuable lot	22.60
100	Similar, but smaller lot of 105 C.A.M. 1st Flight	22.60
101	covers, all diff. and inc. many of the	22.60
102	early flights. EST. Sell at 15.00+	22.60
103	U.S.A.M. 1st Flight covers; over 100	22.60
104	diff. prior to 1950; all properly	22.60
105	cachet and a fine lot	22.60
106	US Ship. cancels; 25 diff. from period	22.60
107	1931 to 1935 inc. 1 last day	22.60

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Inc. country collections on album pages.	
★	ADEN & States, 81 diff. on pages
★	ANGOLA over 300 diff. on album
	pages; inc. better items; a fine
	coll. EST. SELL NET \$38.00
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	album pages; over 800 diff. inc.
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★	ARMENIA mtd. coll. over 140 diff.
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★	AZORES extensive and valuable coll.
	over 200 diff. inc. cpl. pict. mint
	sets; VF mtd. coll. 350.00+
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	inc. top values EST. \$10.00
★	BELGIAN EAST AFRICA #37-54 F mint 4.75
	#56-67 scarce WW II overprints cpl.
	mint and VF
★	#56-9 scarce 1941 surcharges VF
★	#57-9 scarce single
	#55 VF used single
	#61-3 Rwanda overprints on Congo
	stamps; VF mint values
	#61-2 IMPERF singles (Balasse #114-5
	5000 Belg. francs—\$100.00)
★	#66a Inv. surcharge, F mint cpl. 15.00
★	#67a VF misplaced overprint showing
	1/2 of 2 surcharges; more rare than
	the invert variety
	Est. 15.00
★	#72. 6, 7, 83 Souvenir Sheet of 1
	stamp, Special Issue VF
	#90-112 Idols issue cpl. VF mint 13.03+
	#90-108 Idols to 20 fr VF mint
	3.08+
★	#B15-16 Victory Issue cpl. VF mint 6.00
★	Same, VF mint NH blocks of 4 24.00
★	#B15-16 VF lightly canceled set
	Mtd. coll. over 150 diff. B.E.A.
★	VF coll. scarce country
★	BELGIUM mtd. coll. of over 1000
	diff. Scott listed plus numerous
	unlisted and 10% overprints; inc.
	valuable early items. EST. SELL 75.00
★	BOSNIA & HERZ. #65-85 the scarce
	stationery; VF EST. SELL 90.00
★	BOSNIA & HERZ. #65-85 the scarce
	1912-14 Franz Joseph issue cpl. VF
	#65 the 10k value VF mint single
	35.00
★	Mtd. coll. about 150 diff. inc. some
	imperf vals. fine coll. EST. SELL 18.00
★	BRITISH AMERICAN COLONIES small
	mtd. coll. over 350 diff. good lot
	104.00
★	BRITISH COLONIES coll. of 6000 diff.
	mtd. in 6 booklets; all Scott listed and
	fine material. EST. SELL 220.00
★	BULGARIA unusually large coll. of
	over 200 diff. inc. good
	EST. SELL 32.00
★	CAPE GOOD HOPE #1 inc. good
	#3/12 triangles; 4 diff. inc. good
	#6: worthwhile lot
	137.50
★	CHILE coll. on Scott pages, over 500
	diff. inc. many sets and airs, nice
	coll. EST. SELL for 40.00
★	COLOMBIA coll. on Scott pages, over
	600 diff. EST. SELL 35.00
★	CEYLON coll. 100 covers with
	over 200 stamps inc. airs and
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News Round-Up From Washington

New philatelic windows at four major eastern post offices, first day figures on two recent commemoratives, the end of the line for two 1938 Presidential coil stamps, and data on five slogan cancellations comprise the week's miscellaneous news from the Post Office Department in Washington, D. C.

Postmasters at four major eastern post offices have been authorized to provide full or part time philatelic window service. These offices are Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh, Pa., and Newark, N. J.

There are three windows operating in Philadelphia — one at the General Post Office, 30th and Market Sts., and two at the William Penn Annex, 9th and Market Sts., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In Harrisburg selected stocks of commemorative stamps will be available at the wholesale stamp window from 8 to 11 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Newark postponed the opening of a special window pending the results of a study to determine the needs for such a service. One window will be opened, and the hours of service will be adjusted according to the demand for this additional facility. The inauguration of the service at Pittsburgh was delayed somewhat pending receipt of an adequate supply of stamps, but operations actually began on April 20.

Postmasters who have special canceling die hubs reading "Armed Forces Day — Third Saturday in May" have been authorized to use them May 1 through May 17. The devices are to be withdrawn after that date and held for future use.

There were 361,040 first day covers canceled April 1 when the 4c NATO commemorative went on sale at Washington, D. C., and 397,770 Arctic Exploration covers were canceled April 6 at Cresson, Pa. This brings the total number of covers canceled on the first day of issue this year to 3,749,133.

In all, 950,561 NATO stamps were sold April 1, with a face value of \$38,022.44, and 683,250 Arctic Exploration adhesives on April 6, with a value of \$27,330. First day sales of stamps for the year, through April 6, are now \$308,393.69.

Several special cancellations have been authorized for use starting in May. Staunton, Ill. will use one May 15 through July 4 reading "1859 100 years 1959 Staunton Centennial July 28 to July 4."

From May 15 through June 21 Wellsboro, Pa. will use a cancellation "June 19-21 State Laurel Festival Wellsboro, Pa.", and Norwalk, Ohio, will employ a special cancel May 20 through August 1 reading "Firelands Sesquicentennial July 25-Aug. 1".

Cincinnati, Ohio, will utilize a cancellation June 1 through July 18 reading "Green Township Sesquicentennial July 11-18, 1959".

Collectors desiring one or more of these special cancellations may send stamped, addressed envelopes to the postmaster of the designated city, with a request that the envelopes be canceled and placed in the mails.

The 3c Oklahoma Statehood and Teachers of America commems of 1957 were removed from sale at the Philatelic Sales Agency in Washington, D. C., as of the close of business May 1. Removed at the same time were the 1c and 3c Presidential endwise coils of 1939.

No "Inverted Letters" On Canadian NATO 5c

Several hopeful collectors have reported "inverted AT" errors on their recent Canadian NATO 5c commemoratives. When holding the stamps in position to read "NATO" at the left side, the same word was repeated at the right with the "AT" inverted, they proclaimed.

The error lay in the way they held the stamps — to read the right inscription properly, that side should be held upward. The fact is then evident, as explained in Linn's front page story of March 2, that "NATO" is "OTAN" when the full "North Atlantic Treaty Organization" title is translated into French and then reduced to the initials of the four principal words.

New Lincoln Cachet To Note "Lost Speech"

On May 29, a printed historical cachet will be issued honoring Abraham Lincoln's Historical "Lost Speech" made at Major's Hall in Bloomington, Ill. The cachet will picture Abe as in 1859 and the Hall as it appeared at that time. The ancient structure is now being torn down to make a downtown parking lot.

Lincoln stamps will be used for franking. Covers may be ordered at 15c each, three for 40c (coin—no stamps) from Carl E. Rhoads, 714 W. Walnut St., Bloomington, Ill. Collectors may supply printed gummed or peelable labels if they desire.

Bahamas Centenary Set Uses Old Design

The special set of four values scheduled for June 10 release to note the centennial of the first Bahamian stamps utilizes the border design of the original 1859 one penny issue. In the new set the vignette of Queen Victoria is replaced by one of Queen Elizabeth II.



The vignette is in black in all four values; frames are in red, green, blue, and brown, respectively, on the 1, 2, 6, and 10d denominations. The design includes the caption "1859 Postal Centenary 1959". Waterlow & Sons, Ltd. printed the issue by the recess process on C. A. (block capitals) wmk paper.

The stamps will remain on sale for six months or until sold out should stock be exhausted earlier, according to the Crown Agents Representative, Washington, D. C.



May 15-17—"SARPHX VI 1959", Canadian Philatelic Society, Kenwick Terr., Sarnia, Ont., Canada, Sarnia and Port Huron Stamp Clubs, hosts.
May 16-17—Southeast Kansas Regional Exhibition, Booth Hotel, Independence, Kans. Kansas Precancel Society, sponsor.
May 16-17—Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, Silver Dome Lanes, Green Bay, Wis. Queen City Philatelic Society of Marinette, host.
May 16-17—Twin City Stamp Club, Vincent Hotel, Benton Harbor, Mich.
May 16-17—Ft. Hamilton Philatelic Society, Ft. Wayne Hotel, Hamilton, Ohio
May 16-17—Butler County Philatelic Society, Butler Farm Show Grounds, Butler, Pa.
May 17—Hempstead Stamp Club, American Legion Hall, Marvin Ave. and Baldwin Rd., Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.
May 17—Connecticut Philatelic Society, Union Elementary School, Unionville, Conn. Farmington Valley Stamp Club, Inc., host.
May 22—"JUNEX", San Antonio Philatelic Assn., Witte Museum, San Antonio, Tex.
May 23—Lower Bucks Stamp Club, Fairless Hills Shopping Center, Fairless Hills, Pa.
May 23-24—Lawton-Ft. Sill Stamp Club, 319 E. Ave., Lawton, Okla.
May 23-24—Quad City Stamp Club, Hotel

Special Ayal Album For UN Human Rights

Ayal Publications, New York, announce the release of new album pages for stamps issued in honor of the Tenth Anniversary of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In the already "traditional" style of the World-wide UN Ayal Album line, all respective issues of the year 1958 are fully reproduced on three-color pages for three-ring loose-leaf binders.

Added to the usual explanatory captions are the Preamble and Articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The "Love thy neighbor..." motto of the Israel Human Rights stamp is linked with Article 1.

The issue from Poland is tied in with Article 4, which deals with the prohibition of slavery, and the set from Pakistan with Article 26, which states the fundamental Right to Education, and so on.

The Ayal "Human Rights 1958" issues album pages are a part of the complete world-wide UN Ayal album line, but are offered separately at \$2.50, enabling also collectors who do not collect all UN material to obtain pages for this special group. A similar group relating to UNESCO issues is also offered separately at \$1.50. New issues of these groups will be incorporated in supplements as usual.

Special gold imprinted, blue de luxe binders are also available for each of the two groups at \$3 per binder. Shipping charge, regardless of number of items ordered, is 25c anywhere in the United States, from Ayal Publications, P.O.B. 116, Planet. Station, New York 24, N. Y.

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They are just three 10c stamps and one 50c, with a total catalog rating of 45c mint, and hardly worth a second look—until that second look it taken. They are the "Blitzed Poets" survivors of the proposed 1942 set of ten (five regulars and five airmails) to pay tribute to Ecuador's poets Renigio Crespo-Torales and Alfredo Baquerizo-Moreno. The proceeds of the sales of these ten adhesives were to be used for public constructions to honor the poets.

The full editions were duly printed by De La Rue in London and delivered to dockside warehouses for forwarding as soon as possible to Ecuador by steamer. But that was the year of the "Battle of Britain", and the Nazi Luftwaffe hit the port before shipping space became available for such things as new stamps for a South American country.

After the bombings, fire, fire fighting and salvaging operations were finally completed, such of the stamps as remained were finally sent along to Ecuador. Totals received and duly placed on sale were:



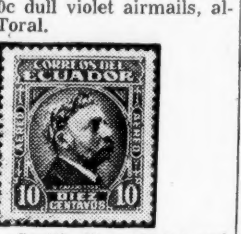
400,000 10c green, showing Crespo-Torales;

200,000 10c green, Baquerizo-Moreno;

40,000 50c brown, Crespo-Torales;

and

500,000 10c dull violet airmails, also Crespo-Torales.



These are Scott's Nos. 404-5-6 and C97, totaling 1,140,000 of the original 3,000,000 stamps. None of the 20c, 1 and 5 Sucres values survived the holocaust on Britain's water-fronts. All of these facts are included in official decrees of October 11, 1939 and April 17, 1942.

The "Blitzed Poets" as local lore calls these now very elusive stamps in mint condition, were rapidly sold out because at the time they were the only definitive stamps available. By the time philatelists had reconciled themselves to buying the badly incomplete issue — four of the proposed 10 items — all copies had been sold over the post office counters.

Overnight, native collectors realized that a rarity existed in that these four modest adhesives were and are practically non-existent in

full OG condition. It can only be conjectured that the bombing and firefighting ruptured may of the sealed zinc chests in which the mint sheets were stored, so that those which were not otherwise damaged were water soaked.

Still others were apparently well "roasted" within their sealed containers by the heat of nearby flames, so that even copies with full gum show bad discoloration thereof or at best some spotting. Full mint OG copies as commonly accepted by the stamp trade practically do not exist. Such gum as is encountered is usually yellowish, with variations from reddish to almost red or red brown.

This, then is the story of just another low catalog but extremely scarce and hard to find set of stamps — and how it got that way, after all post office holdings had been sold out by the end of 1943.

Famous Frenchmen
In "TOPICAL TIME"

Famous Men of France buried in the Pantheon in Paris are featured in the lead story in the current issue of "TOPICAL TIME" magazine of the American Topical Assn. John Henry Richter's article which includes a checklist points out that such people as Victor Hugo, Rousseau, and Voltaire rest in honor in the Pantheon.

Eli Grad describes one of the new topical fields in "What is Philatelic Judaism". Other stories describe issues of Flags of Africa, Pre-Columbian American Religion, Argentine Railways, I.G.Y., and Rotary International.

Helpful checklists in TOPICAL TIME include mythology, poets on stamps, sports, F. D. Roosevelt, atomics, and lighthouse on stamps. The issue also tells out ATA's 10th anniversary convention and exhibition, Sheraton-McAlpin Hotel, New York City, June 19-21 and describes the free trip to Bermuda to be given to some lucky visitor to "TOPEX '59". Full details are available from Leonard Heim, 220 5th Ave., New York 1, N. Y.

In all 18 features make a lively issue. Members joining ATA this month will receive this copy free with membership. Complete details and application blank will be supplied by Ennis C. Cleveland, 5104 W. Wisconsin Ave., Apt. 3, Milwaukee 8, Wis. for a 4c stamped addressed envelope.

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On Pro Patria FDC's

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Values of the new set are, as illustrated in Linn's of March 11, 5c plus 5c, 10c plus 10c, 20c plus 10c, 30c plus 10c, and 40c plus 10c. The designs are, respectively, the globe with two Swiss flags, agate, tourmaline, amethyst, and an ancient fossil.

The first day cancellation device repeats the design of the tourmaline crystal on the 20c plus 10c item, plus suitable wording, as also does the special first day cover offered by the post office at 20c (without stamps). Face value of the set of five is 1.50 francs (36c U. S.).

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Notes From The Italian Area

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Italy's Prampolini commemo went on sale on April 27. It is in rose red, of 15 Lire denomination, engraved, and printed on unwatermarked paper in panes of 50 subjects, without sheet margin inscriptions. Engraving is by V. Nicastro. The design shows a portrait of the Socialist journalist, Camillo Prampolini, with centenary dates, 1859-1959. (1859 is the year of Prampolini's birth).



Slated for release during the first half of May are commemoratives honoring the 450th anniversary of the birth of Bernardino Telesio, and the 150th anniversary of Giuseppe Giusti.

We are to expect also a set of four dedicated to the battles of the Risorgimento. One value will be a semipostal — the first to be issued by Italy since World War II — with the surtax to be allotted to the Red Cross. Also expected is a set to publicize the coming 1960 Olympic Games, which will be held at Rome. From San Marino, there is to be an issue of six or seven values with a face of about 300L. in honor of the 150th anniversary of Lincoln. There may also be a souvenir sheet,

but this is not definite.

The Saint Who Wasn't! — Meanwhile, we have some interesting confirmation of an old suspicion: the Italian stamp in honor of St. Clare (Scott No. 625), issued in 1953, does not portray the saint at all!



P. Fiorenzo Fulcini, writing in the May issue of "Il Bollettino Filatelico" puts forth what seems to be strong proof that the figure is that of a Roman matron and close friend of St. Francis, one Giacomina de' Settesoli, whom the saint called Giacomina.



He points out, among other things, that the figure shows a woman in lay dress, whereas St. Clare has been depicted only in the costume of a Sister, and that the Italian vignette differs completely from that used by the Vatican for its St. Clare set of

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the same year (Scott Nos. 169-70). If the critique is accurate, there will be some very red faces in the Italian Ministry of Posts!

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Sometime in June a great pioneer of the aviation world will receive the coveted Illini Achievement Award at the commencement exercises of the University of Illinois. This great man graduated from the University of Illinois in 1911, and his career spans the history of aviation from jennies to jets. We refer to C. E. Woolman, president of Delta Air Lines. Mr. Woolman built the nation's first aerial crop dusting concern into the sixth largest airline in these United States.

Collett Everman Woolman while attending the University of Illinois attended the world's first aviation meet at Rheims, France in 1910. Later he learned to fly the famous "jenny" in World War I and soon was off with the greats in the field of aviation.

The southern part of our country located in the Mississippi delta was having trouble with a pest called the boll weevil. This culprit was causing havoc with the cotton crop of the area. Woolman and several of his friends created "Huff Daland Dusters", the world's first airplane crop dusting organization.

The group pioneered in various new techniques which proved a true weapon against the monsters in miniature which were feasting upon the cotton crops of the area. Quickly the new organization spread its operations into Mexico and South America. In fact, in 1926 the group did the first crop dusting in Peru.

On July 16, 1928 a Keystone plane piloted by Dan Tobin took Mr. Woolman of Huff Daland Dusters and a representative of the Ingersoll Rand firm (which was also crop dusting in Peru) to the military airport of El Condor at Eloi Alfaro, near Guayaquil Ecuador. Soon an airmail contract was granted and they decided to start service between Ecuador and Peru. The Keystone flew from Lima to Guayaquil.

The Huff Daland Dusters and Ingersoll Rand merged with the Grace Lines and made a new firm called Pan American Grace Peruvian Airways, later on to become Pan American Grace.

In 1928 the name was changed to Delta Air Service, Inc. Soon some 90-mile-per-hour Travelaires were in the air for Delta in the States.

On June 1, 1929 the first domestic passenger service from Dallas via Shreveport and Monroe to Jackson, Miss. was extended along to Birmingham and Atlanta. That date was a great day for the Delta line. The concern's name was changed to Delta Air Corp. on December 31, 1930. The year 1934 brought an airmail contract (CAM Route 24) from Charleston to Dallas via Atlanta. The airline now began the use of trimotored Stinson planes which carried seven passengers at the speed of 100 miles per hour.

The first airmail flight was July 4, 1934. Delta and the Post Office Department gave full philatelic treatment, so today philatelists throughout the globe have examples of these pioneer envelopes. Our specimen was posted at Monroe, La. on the historic date, while on the reverse is a dedication to the "World's Greatest Gas Field" at Monroe.

During this period Chicago and Southern Air Lines was developing, later merging with Delta (1953). This line had been organized in 1933 as Pacific Seaboard Air Lines with flights between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

In 1936 Delta began using high speed Lockheed Electras which have been mentioned in our series of some other major lines. Later Delta progressed to DC-2's, 3's and 4's. Growth of the line continued with cities such as Fort Worth, Baton Rouge, Chicago, Charleston, and Miami all becoming landing ports for Delta's craft.

Nor must we not forget the contributions of this line during World War II. It trained hundreds of pilots and mechanics as well as providing a transport service for the military.

In 1946 Chicago and Southern was awarded routes from Houston and

New Orleans to Havana, and beyond Havana to San Juan, P. R. and Caracas, Venezuela. In November 1946 service was inaugurated over the New Orleans to Havana route. Later - July 1948 - it was extended to Puerto Rico via Haiti.

The Dominican Republic run was started January 10, 1953. Flight cover collectors have some of these C & S covers in their collections, but it must be remembered that this is part of the Delta history for as we mentioned previous C&S has merged with Delta.

We cannot leave this portion of Delta without mentioning Carleton Putnam, founder of C&S, who remained chairman of the board following the merger with Delta. This pilot, while going to law school, saw an airplane in a window. He purchased the plane, took flying lessons, and in 1933 organized Pacific Seaboard Lines, Inc. This was played an important part in Delta's history - destiny moves in strange ways as can be found in early aviation developments.

On April 1, 1955 Delta became the first airline to inaugurate intercontinental service with DC-7's, operating over its Chicago-New Orleans-Havana-Montego Bay-Caracas route. In November CAB awarded the line 1075 miles of new routes permitting it to extend into the Northeast. 1956 saw service over the New York - Washington-Atlanta route, later extended into Houston.

In 1958 the Civil Aeronautics Board through decisions in the Great Lakes Southeast Service and St. Louis Southeast Service cases, approved a number of new services for Delta. On January 1, 1959 Delta went to Dayton, and on to Louisville, Columbus, Tampa and St. Petersburg-Clearwater.

Today the Delta home base is Atlanta Airport where the line has its modern headquarters. The line serves some 67 cities over an 11,385-mile system linking the New York-Washington and the Great Lakes regions with the South and Southwest, and all the resort capitals of the Caribbean Islands.

The 1959 Delta fleet consists of DC-7's and 7B's, DC-6's, and Super Conquairs including some C-47's and C-46 all-cargo transports. The line has an order for some \$74,000,000 worth of jet craft which includes the 570mph Douglas DC-8's and the 615-mph Conquair 880. The first jet is expected in June, the 30th anniversary of the inauguration of passenger service across Dixie.

The philatelic world must give its thanks to this great line for the many special first flight items it has carried. Also, its ample advance news of flights in the philatelic press gives readers sufficient time to prepare their own covers. We have seen many specialized Delta collections at Philatelic shows.

We cannot close the Delta story without referring again to C. E. Woolman, the company's president and guiding hand since its early beginnings over 30 years ago. Yes, we salute C. E. Woolman and the Delta team for service rendered both past and future. We must refer to the creed of Mr. Woolman which has been always the same - to maintain fast and efficient, friendly, hospitable service wherever Delta flies.

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"Saclant Of NATO" In "AP Philatelist"

In keeping with giving stamp collectors in general and APS members in particular information about new issues and the side avenues which engross them, the "American Philatelist", monthly magazine of the American Philatelic Society will be in the April issue bring an article on Saclant of NATO.

Saclant means "Supreme Allied Command Atlantic Ocean" and of course readers know that NATO means "North Atlantic Treaty Organization". This is composed of 14 member countries around the North Atlantic which are trying to protect their way of life in a free world.

The author of the article is Rear Adm. Jesse G. Johnson, a long time friend of Adm. Jerauld Wright, Commander of Saclant. His article has to do with various cancellations used on Saclant mail. It will be very interesting to collectors who will in the future specialize in the various stamps issued for NATO.

Readers who are not members of the APS may get copies of the "American Philatelist" from the State College office. Collectors will also receive the Philatelist if they join the Society. H. Clay Musser, American Philatelic Society, P. O. Box 800, State College, Pa. will supply full details on request.

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Top Syrian Stamp Scandal Of '58 Came With Children's Day Overprint On 1957 Reminders

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Continuing now the examination of the Damascus printed 1958 stamps for the Syrian Region of the United Arab Republic (UAR), two instalments of which appeared in Linn's of March 9 and April 6, we come now to the sixth item on the list. This is the hastily applied overprint on the remainders of the 1957 Children's Day set, for 1958 release.

Since this addition was made in the French language, we may suppose it was prepared some time ago, before the UAR directed both regions to imprint English as the "second language" of the republic.

This means that the set was also prepared before the recent (federal-inspired) clean-up in Syrian stamp issues. This in turn will account for its highly speculative character, when such creatures as Mr. "X" had a Roman holiday seizing control of and fixing the price of the issue, as they would like to do for every issue, in their insatiable greed to get rich quick.

The mechanics of this controlled set, including the fantastically unreasonable prices asked, have already been described in an earlier article in this paper. A description of the overprint, since it is not worth purchasing as an illustration at its inflated current market "value", is given below. With it is a cautionary note that it has been counterfeited and should not be purchased (if you must collect such issues) except from reliable dealers who can guarantee its authenticity.

All three values—12½ piasters olive green, 17½p. blue, and 20p. light brown of the charming and attractive 1957 Children's Day set (showing a robust infant leaping along and having a lot of fun at it) were overprinted in black:

"Al-Jumhuriyat al-Arabiyyat al-Mutahidat" ("The United Arab Republic") in Arabic, across the child's breast; the Arabic figures of date, which read, from right to left: "6-10-1958" (October 6, 1958, the first day of issue and Children's Day) and "RAU" (the French-language abbreviation for UAR).

The date is printed across the baby's middle. "RAU", in very heavy black type, starts about at the shin of his uplifted right leg and ends on the thigh of the other one.

Only 8000 remainders were available for overprinting and issue, but the counterfeiters laid hands on much larger unoverprinted stocks of the set in private hands to try to chisel on the Mr. "X" racket of astronomically high prices for the set.

VII: "Congratulations to Iraq" Was First Identical UAR Commemorative

The 500,000 copies of October 14th's "Celebrating the Republic of Iraq" commemorative were enough to stop the stamp speculators in Damascus, and, by contrast, to show the superiority of the Survey of Egypt's photogravure process over Syria's typographical media.

This 12½p. red stamp has already been written up in detail in this paper, including its background information, so that a brief review of the design will suffice for this series.

A hand, breaking chains and holding the Torch of Liberty, with the flag of Iraq in the background makes up the design. On it are superimposed the date of the Iraqi revolution (July 14, 1958), the com-

memorative text, the country name and its English abbreviation, and the necessary postal and value inscriptions.



It was very popular in both regions and with the Iraqis themselves. Also, in spite of cooling relations with the UAR as the result of the fall from grace of pro-UAR leader Col. Abdul Salem Aref and the increase in leftist influence in Premier General Abdul Karim Qassim's cabinet, the Iraqi Republic announced that its stamps would henceforth be printed by the Survey Department in Cairo instead of in England.

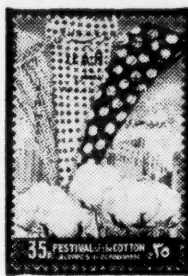
The first of these sets is that in honor of the new Arab League Headquarters Bldg., which has already been prepared and sent from Cairo to Baghdad.

As the first identical UAR commemorative for both regions (save for piaster instead of mils currency) without regional designations, this stamp made postal history. It was the forerunner of complete postal unification including currency, in the near future, for definitives as well as commemoratives. (It will be remembered that the original, "unity" issue bore the old country names of Egypt and Syria in addition to the new "UAR" caption).

VIII: Aleppo Cotton Festival Provides Colorful Topicals

November 9 saw the release of

75,000 sets of a two-value airmail commemorative issue in the low face of 60p. (15c U. S.) to honor Aleppo's annual Cotton Fair. The adhesives are identical in design and almost in color. Only the coloring and design on the three bolts of cotton cloth which are being unwound across the top and left center of the stamp are different.



On the 25p. light brown, the piece goods show a bolt of yellow cloth with white polka dots on the right, a bolt of white with light yellow polka dots in the center, and a piece of cloth with a light yellow herringbone pattern on the left.

To the right, under the first bolt of cloth, are seen the walls and towers of the Gate House of the Aleppo Citadel, the city's most famous landmark. These were built during the Crusades by King al-Zahir al-Ghazi the son of the famous Sultan of Islam, Saladin (Salah ud-Din al-Ayyubi).

Beneath the bolts of cloth are seen cotton pods in bloom, resting on a bottom panel containing the commemorative inscription in English, "Festival of the Cotton, 5-11 October, 1958", and the English and Arabic expressions of value.

The 35p. is in a slightly darker brown. The bolts of cotton cloth are colored in orange, red and carmine, from right to left, respectively, instead of in shades of yellow. Otherwise both stamps are identical, save for the value.

The country name is spelled out in Arabic across the top of the stamp, but this is difficult to see on the 35p. copy. Beneath is the English abbreviation "UAR", on top of a tiny Arabic text and date line commemorating the occasion. The Arabic airmail inscription is also in tiny letters above the castle Gate House and, vertically, in English, on the left bolt of cloth.

IX: Gliding Festival Set

November 28 was the first day of issue of the Syrian region's first Gliding Festival issue under the UAR. As it occurred after the clean up of speculative issues, the num-

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15	Flag	.50	2.65	73	Indep. '54	.30	.55	128	Indep. '57	.12	.14
16	Tabul Sheet	11.00		74	Maimonides	.14	.40	129-31	Holiday '57	.30	.31
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A MERE CENTURY AGO the first railroad was built to link Patos and Campina Grande, Brazil. To mark the centenary of this event, Brazil issued a 250 Cruzeiro reddish brown stamp April 24. The design shows a map of the original line and a down-the-track view of a modern railroad roadbed. A suitable first day cancellation was used, and attractive first day covers were available, such as this one sent by Prof. Manoel F. da Motta, Largo do Machado 11, Catete, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

SYRIAN

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bers printed were entirely adequate (500,000 sets) and there was no money business in connection with this popular topical emission.



The design is uniform for the two low face values (20p. about 5c U.S.). Colors are green for the 7 1/2p. and olive green for the 12 1/2p.

Featured are two happy Syrian children, a boy and a girl, admiring a model glider, which the boy holds in his hand. Behind them a real glider, with an occupant, is in flight. The country name and "UAR" are at the top. All other inscriptions are at the bottom, including values and the bilingual designation "Gliding Festival".

Airmail collectors should not pass up this set because the engraver forgot to include the English word "Airmail" in the design, for directly beneath the model glider is the boy's hand is the Arabic word "Jawwi", meaning "Air (mail)".

X: Fruit and Grain on U. N. Set

A two-value set, one postage and the other airmail, was issued December 10, in honor of the FAO's Near East Regional Conference in Damascus, in the quantity of 600,000 copies of each stamp. Values were 12 1/2p. dull green for regular postage and 17 1/2p. violet, airmail.

To symbolize the UN body's meeting in the historic city of Damascus, perhaps the oldest continually-inhabited capital city in the world, going back some 5000 years and more, the designers chose a symbolic composite landscape typical of both Damascus and the whole Syrian countryside.



In the center is an ancient mosque with two minarets, similar to the Tekiya of Sulaiman the Magnificent in Damascus. It is surrounded by olive groves—the most ancient economic basis of Syrian agriculture.

Bare hills, each crowned by a ruin, are in the background, and in the foreground are gourds or melons in a field. Flanking the scene on the right and left, respectively, are a fruit tree in bearing and a sheaf of wheat.

The Republic's title, in ornate Kufic characters, is at the top left, with "UAR" beneath it. The field in the foreground of the olive orchard is entirely taken up with the long commemorative texts in Arabic and English: "IV N. E. Reg. Conference, Damascus, 10-20 Dec., 1958". Strangely enough, no mention is made of the UN's FAO (Food and Agricultural Organization), whose Fourth NE Regional Conference it was!

Values flank the commemorative texts. The postage or airmail inscriptions are arranged vertically in English to the right of the fruit tree. On the low value the Arabic word "Postage" appears to the right of the gourds or melons, with the designer's name (Kurche) on the left.

The airmail rendering in Arabic requires two words, so these flank the gourds or melons on the 17 1/2p. value. Both of these, like almost all

of the UAR's present issues, are in the new "borderless" style.

XI: Human Rights Day
Features Airmail Pair

The last of the Syrian Region's 1958 commemoratives which saw the end of the Republic of Syria's separate stamp issues and the gradual coordination of UAR issues with Egypt was an airmail pair in honor of the United Nations' Human Rights Day 10th Anniversary celebration.



The two stamps are identical save for color and value. They show the UN emblem in the center, with a scroll superimposed, on which is inscribed the first phrase of the Rights of Man in Arabic. Below the scroll are the bilingual commemorative dates, 1948-1958. A Syrian mother, with her child, is to lower right, symbolizing the way common people everywhere look up to the Declaration of Human Rights.

Above the UN symbol is the English abbreviations "UAR", flanked by bilingual ribbons proclaiming "Human Rights", with the long country name spelled out above in Arabic.

Figures of value are very large, and occupying the lower left of the design. Beneath them is the Arabic inscription in small letters, "Barid Jawwi", meaning "Airmail". The English equivalent is nowhere to be found on the stamps and this pair may be passed up by airmail collectors unaware of its airmail status.

The stamps are in the new "borderless" style, the 35p. in pale blue, the 45p. in brown.

XII: Post Day Tricolor
Displays UAR Postal Badge ...

The January 2 "Post Day" stamp, in red, green, black and white, with which the Syrian Region's second year as a stamp-issuing entity of the UAR began, has already been written up in a previous Linn's article.



For the record, in rounding out the first dozen UAR Syrian issues, it appeared in the quantity of 250,000 copies as a semipostal (20p. plus 10p. in the Syrian region and 10m. plus 5m. in the Egyptian) with the surtax going to the postal employees' social service fund.

Metropolitan Chapter
Of Ghana-Togo Society

The recently formed Ghana-Togo African Philatelic Society has just established the first of a proposed nationwide chain of chapters, according to Mrs. Edna DeHart, secretary of the newly established Metropolitan New York Chapter of the organization.

The new unit will meet May 19 at the McBurney YMCA, 215 W. 23rd St., New York City, to map future plans. Area collectors interested in any phase of the African philatelic field are invited to attend. Further details from Mrs. DeHart, 173 Blueberry Lane, Hicksville, N. Y.

Ryukyus Rate Hike
May Mean New Issue

According to an item in the Okinawa "Morning Star" of April 29, submitted by Capt. R. W. Buchanan who is stationed in the Ryukyus, a general change in the rates of foreign mail originating in the Islands was instituted May 5.

Airmail going to U. S., Hawaii, Alaska, Canada, and Asia Minor (Turkey), is now 35c, an increase of 6c over the former rates.

Joji Tomiyama, chief of the Ryukyu government postal service section explained that the revision has been necessitated by the new international postal agreement concluded at Ottawa, Canada, in October 1957.

With the revision, all the previously existing charges on postal matter were adjusted adequately in the light of the universal postal agreement, he said.

The air-letter rate has eased upward 2c to 15c, according to Capt. Buchanan, but he did not know at the time of writing whether present 13c overprinted air-letter forms were to be further overprinted to the new rate, or new 15c forms supplied immediately.

Israel-Palestine Meet
May 17 In Los Angeles

The Israel-Palestine Philatelic Society of Los Angeles, Calif. will hold its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. May 17 at the Havenhurst House of Hollywood Temple Beth El, 1284 N. Havenhurst Dr.

Emanuel Day, traveler and lecturer, will show and discuss the airmail issues of Israel. There will be a trading session and door prizes. The public is invited; admission is free.

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1-11:		39-40	.45 2.15
83-84	2.90 11.60	41-42	.45 2.15
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"Sixty-five may be retirement age
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of Philatelic Americans it's the age
at which to look even further into
the future." With that remark, SPA
president Larry Edmunds recently
struck the keynote for the Society's
65th annual convention and exhibi-
tion to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio
August 13-16.
The occasion will also mark the
25th anniversary of the Philatelic
Society of Cincinnati which will host
the national event at the Hotel Sinton
in downtown Cincinnati. A six-point
program for service to philately in
general and SPA-ers in particular
will be detailed during the conven-
tion.
Entry blanks are now available
from Clifford W. Shafer, 1644 Jona-
than Ave., Cincinnati 7. Frames will
hold nine standard pages each;
entry fee is \$2 per frame, with clos-
ing date July 6.
A few bourse tables are still unre-
served; details regarding them may
be obtained from Millard Mack, 2133
Luray Ave., Cincinnati 6, Ohio.

Legion Cachets With
New Canadian 5c's
An original cachet in red, white,
and blue has been prepared by the
members of Beaver Branch No. 22
of the Canadian Legion. Covers will
be canceled in Ottawa on the day of
issue of both the Royal Visit and
Seaway commemorative stamps.
A third cover with both stamps,
commemorating the Royal Visit and
the opening of the St. Lawrence
Seaway by Queen Elizabeth and
President Dwight D. Eisenhower,
will be canceled in St. Lambert,
Quebec, where the opening cere-
monies will take place.
The set of three covers will sell
for \$1 cash or money order, and
will be mailed unaddressed under
separate cover. Proceeds from the
sale of covers will be used for tu-
berculosis veterans welfare.
Collectors may order from Beaver
Branch No. 22, Canadian Legion,
Room 10, 1415 St. Mark St., Montre-
al 25, Que., Canada.

First Derby Stamp Fair
In Birmingham May 28
The first Derby Stamp Fair will
be held May 28 from 6 to 10 p.m.
by the Derby Junior High School
Stamp Club, Birmingham, Mich. The
event will be staged at the school.
The group expects a 50-75 frames
of stamps and a bourse of about
six dealers. A nominal admission
charge of 15c is asked, with most
of the proceeds going toward the
purchase of philatelic literature for
the school library.
COMMUNISTS
(Continued from page 1)

unused stamps and applied light
postmarks to them, voiding any
postal value.
These were sold to wholesalers
and jobbers at a price which was a
little higher than printing costs. A
Liberian set with a face value of
\$10.33, for example, was sold for 12c
a set in lots of 1000 or more.
Offering them at 35c, dealers
made a profit and enabled many a
youngster with limited budget to add
13 colorful stamps with weird Afri-
can scenes to his album.
New Danger - Today canceled-
to-order specimens have a more ne-
farious purpose. The Moscow mas-
terminds have long used stamp de-
signs as miniature posters to propa-
gandize the party line. They know
that if they can get supplies into the
albums of collectors they may
strengthen their pitch. They also
know that while the collecting avoca-
tion is growing in many areas of
Asia and Africa, hobbyists there just
can't afford to buy many stamps at
the prevalent market price.
Any common commemorative
stamps of the United States in used
condition sell for the equivalent of
about 3c apiece in India. That auto-
matically puts them beyond the
reach of most philatelic fans.
To popularize their own, the US-
SR and satellites make a practice
of sending huge quantities of stamps
to established dealers at extremely
low "token" prices - in some na-
tions they are distributed to the trade
at no cost at all.
Since this scheme enables dealers
to sell them in large sets and pack-
ets at ridiculously low prices, thou-
sands of Asiatic and African tyros
own chiefly stamps from communist
areas and are exposed to the propa-
ganda their designs offer.
Canceled-to-order specimens may
be identified without difficulty -
even if someone has removed the
gum. They usually have a light post-
mark only in a single corner be-
cause of the obliteration process:
a single handstamp is applied to the
joint between a block of four on a
sheet. They are produced and sold
in complete sets, so all stamps in it
have the same postmark in the same
position. This would be impossible in
a set of stamps that actually had
been used postally.

Three New Issues
From Yugoslavia
May 3, 24 and 25 are listed as
first days for three new issues from
Yugoslavia which total a round doz-
en stamps. Released May 3 with
required usage on internal mail un-
til May 9 was a pair of almost iden-
tical design noting Red Cross Week.

Of 2 dinars value each, one is in-
scribed for postal use, while the other
is the required surtax for the
Red Cross. The former is blue and
red, edition 3,500,000 in sheets of 60.
The tax item is ochre and red, edi-
tion one million, also in sheets of
60.
The design by Bojana Spremo and
Andreja Milenkovic, both of Bel-
grade, is symbolic of the aid given
families by the Red Cross. It bears
the dates "1859-1959" noting the cen-
tenary of the international organiza-
tion. Offset printing was by the na-
tional printing facility in Belgrade.

May 24 will bring a single 20d.
dark green and olive green in an edi-
tion of 200,000 (sheets of 25) to mark
the IVth Yugoslav Junior Philatelic
Exhibition at Dubrovnik, "JUFIZ
IV - 1959". The design by Tanasije
Krnjajic depicts a 15th century paint-
ing of the ancient city of Dubrovnik.
Engraving was also by Krnjajic, with
printing by the state works.
A nine-value Flowers set is sched-
uled for May 25. In full color helio-
gravure printing by Courvoisier SA
in Switzerland in editions of 120,000,
2,600,000, the entire series was de-
signed by Mate Zlamalik of Bel-
grade.


Values, designs, colors, and print-
ings of the nine are: 10d. Lavender
(lavandula vera), blue, green, lilac,
2,600,000; 15d. Black Alder (rham-
nus frangula), yellow, dark brown,
green, and red, 2,600,000; 20d. Scopolia
(scopolia carniolica), dark ochre,
brown carmine, dark green, and
greenish yellow, 2,500,000.
Also 25d. Monk's Hood (aconitum
napellus), light olive, violet slate and
dark green, 500,000; 30d. Bilberry
(vaccinium myrtillus), pink lilac,
dark blue, and green, 500,000; 35d.
Juniper (juniperus communis) light
brown, dark green, violet blue, and
green, 450,000.
And, completing the list, 50d.
Primrose (primula veris), brown,
dark green, yellow, and orange, 150,-
000; 70d. Pomegranate (punica
granatum), ochre yellow, green,
red and lemon, 150,000; and 100d.
Thornapple (datura stramo-
nium), chestnut, dark green, light
gray, and greenish yellow, 120,000.
Printing is on granite paper, with
100 stamps per sheet for the six low-
er values and 25 per sheet for the
50, 75 and 100d. denominations.

New Club In Oak Park
Announces May 23 Show
The recently organized Oak Park
Stamp Club of Michigan announces
its first annual stamp show and
bourse will be held May 23, from
12 to 7 p.m. at The Oak Park Com-
munity Center, Oak Park, Mich.
Members of the Israel Committee
and the Junior Stamp Club will join
in the exhibition. Collectors desiring
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itors at all times.)

"Anderson-Frostad"
Arrested In Canada
"R. B. Anderson", otherwise Fro-
de (or "Fred") Frostad whose un-
orthodox approval buying methods
were reported in Linn's of April 27
faces long-time removal from phil-
atelic activity, according to John R.
Proctor, stamp dealer of Box 46,
Ferndale 20, Mich.
As did various other dealers, Mr.
Proctor waited for the Frostad
check to clear before making ship-
ment of approval merchandise and
then reported his experience to the
police of West Vancouver, B. C.,
Canada. Those authorities advised
him, under date of April 23, that
"Anderson" and Frostad are one in-
dividual.
They reported also that they have
many complaints against him, that
he is a convicted criminal on the
charge of "defrauding the public",
and that he faces deportation to his
native Norway. Further, they are
holding "a large number of stamps"
awaiting identification and return to
their rightful owners.
The Canadian police report fur-
ther that Frostad is without funds,
and that persons whose stamps have
been actually received and disposed
of by him, have no hopes of making
any recovery.

AUCTIONS
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New York 7, N. Y. U. S. and wide show-
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May 21-Mitty Stamp Co., 116 Nassau St.,
New York 38, U. S. older FDC's, pa-
triotics, Arctics, miscel.
May 26-Matthew Bennett, 5401 Lynview
Ave., Baltimore 15, Md. U. S., Br. gen.
ign. and white.
May 26-27-John A. Fox, 110 W. 42nd St.,
New York 36, U. S. Confed. Br. Cois.,
genl. ign., incl. "Capt. McKittick Estate".
May 26-28-J. & H. Stolor, Inc., 50 W.
46th St., New York 36, "Bernard Davis
Covers", U. S.; world.
May 27-Rasdale Stamp Auction, 505 E.
Walker St., St. Johns, Mich. U. S. gen.;
also Israel and various ign.
May 28-Heldberg Stamp Service, Box
177, Slingerlands, N. Y. U. S. FDC's,
world mint and used, incl. rarities.
May 29-Mercury Stamp Co., 10 E. 40th St.,
New York 16, U. S. and ign.; large vari-
ety, wide price levels.
June 1-3-H. R. Harmer, 6 W. 48th St.,
New York 36, "John Lek" Collection
Part VI.
June 5-Stamps International, 509 5th Ave.,
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Europa; UN New York; IGY, Polars.
June 5-Michael M. Karen, 1148 Grassmere
Terr., Far Rockaway 91, N. Y. U. S.,
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June 6-Carl Edwin Lipton, 940 Lincoln
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As he grubbed away at the seemingly endless wilderness, the pioneer of 1858 probably took for granted the flight of ducks and geese as they crossed the Minnesota skies each autumn and spring. Yet he, like modern man, must have paused from his drudgery to look up in awe and envy at the effortless flight of the countless migrating waterfowl. More than likely he took time to augment his meat supply with a few easy shots. Today the modern agriculturalist, though on fewer occasions, can still pause to enjoy similar sights, if the noise and din from his Diesel tractor pulling superior ditching tools are not too deafening and distracting.

As late as the turn of the century, only a few persons were concerned about the future of the bird and animal life that was fast disappearing from the North American continent. Such conservation-pioneers as "Teddy" Roosevelt provided protection as early as 1903, when Pelican Island off the Florida coast was set aside as a bird refuge-rookery.

Not until 1924, however, did Congress authorize the purchase of bottom lands along the upper Mississippi River to serve as waterfowl refuges in this part of the country. Other waterfowl havens were established in 1908-1930 in southern Oregon and northern California (Malheur and Klamath).

In 1929 the Norbeck-Andersen Migratory Bird Conservation Act reflected the public interest in waterfowl conservation. The scope of the problem was such that single states could not adequately cope with it alone.

The problem, too, was beyond such private organizations as the American Ornithologists' Union, the Boone and Crockett Clubs, and the National Audubon Society. Action by the Federal Government became imperative.

The Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act

Waterfowl populations had fallen to an all-time low during the early thirties. During that period the great drought, coupled with over-shooting, made the plight of the American waterfowl more desperate even than that of the midwestern farmer plagued with dust storms and the depression. As "Ding" Darling, noted conservationist and artist of the first "duck stamps", put it so ably in his "Story of the Wildlife Refuge Program":

"... a succession of dry summers with searing winds, which made the Dust Bowl famous, blew the wild duck population of North America to an all time low... By mid-July the brazer, sky over the expanses of dried up sloughs and marshes was empty of wings.

"The summer broods of ducklings had perished and bereft parent stock already reduced... faced a fall journey southward along shrunken watercourses lined with hunters armed with automatic and repeater shotguns, a twenty-bird bag limit, baited blinds and little if any law enforcement of the over-liberal hunting regulations."

Pressure from conservation-minded

citizens, including sportsmen, hunters, and gunners, was strong that something might be done before the "duckless America" envisioned by Aldo Leopold became a reality. The aroused hunting public was instrumental in getting the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act passed by Congress March 16, 1934.

It had been prefaced in 1929 by the Migratory Bird Conservation Act, which had provided for appropriations for the purchase and maintenance of areas for migratory waterfowl refuges. However, during the depression years adequate funds for appropriation were not available. There was a general feeling that sportsmen themselves should pay the bill.

The 1934 MBHS Act was helped very considerably by Senator Norbeck's rider shunting \$6 million of unexpended relief funds to the emergency duck rescue program. The Act provides that all migratory waterfowl hunters must buy the stamp, popularly known as the "duck stamp". The Act requires that 90 per cent of stamp sales should be used for the "location, ascertainment, acquisition, administration, maintenance, and development of suitable areas for inviolate migratory bird sanctuaries." The remaining 10 per cent was set aside for printing and distributing these stamps and for enforcement of the law.

The Act has been changed by two amendments. In August 1949 the \$1 stamp became a \$2 stamp. In October 1951 the original 90-10 division was changed so that 10 per cent of the revenues was increased to 15 per cent as the need for more rigid law enforcement became apparent.

As of June 30, 1957, the receipts from duck stamp sales have totaled over \$54 million.

The Stamps

It is but natural that the buyer of a hunting permit be pleased when the tangible evidence of his purchase is more than a piece of paper full of fine print. In the case of "duck stamps" the purchaser is indeed well rewarded. All 25 stamps have been works of art, both literally and figuratively speaking. They are the reproductions of sketches, paintings, and etchings by wildlife artists who annually compete for the distinction of having their handiwork used on the hunting stamps.

These stamps, like the Minnesota Park stickers and those used by the

National Park Service before World War II, are sought by collectors. The MBH stamps fall into two major groups: the first fifteen were \$1 stamps; the stamps since the 1949-50 issue sell for \$2. (A move to make the cost \$3 is under serious consideration, but the current 1958-59 stamp still sells at \$2).

Old mint copies demand several times the original price from stamp collectors, and even used stamps of early issues in good condition cost more than the original price.

The stamps go on sale July 1 of each year; two exceptions were the first issue, which was not sold until August 25, 1934, and the 1949-50 stamp, which was first sold on September 1, 1949. The first five stamps read "U. S. Department of Agriculture", whereas all later stamps bear the U. S. Department of the Interior designation.

It was in 1940 that the Bureau of Biological Survey was transferred from the USDA to the Department of the Interior and merged with the Bureau of Fisheries to form the Fish and Wildlife Service. The Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, an agency of the Fish and Wildlife Service, has control of the expenditures of the duck stamp revenues.

But it is the Post Office Department which is responsible for the distribution, selling and accounting of sales, as well as engraving, printing, and issuing the "duck stamps".

The names of various waterfowl appear on the face of the MBH stamps issued since 1952-53. All the stamps bear the words, "Void after June 30, 19—" Beginning with the 13th stamp, 1946-57, the reverse side of the stamp has borne the warning that "It is unlawful to hunt waterfowl unless you sign your name in ink on the face of this stamp."

Before World War II Minnesota ranked first in the nation in sales of duck stamps; thereafter, California took the lead. Since 1953, the sales in Minnesota have declined; Minnesota became third-ranking state, with Texas second.

Benefits from Stamp Sales

The sportsman who has bought his "duck stamp" for two decades and longer has reason to raise the question, "What, besides the stamps, have we to show for all these revenues collected?" Over \$6 million of duck stamp funds have been spent in the protection of the waterfowl-birds, i.e., for the enforcement of Federal laws.

Waterfowl refuge development and maintenance have been even more important. More than \$20 million of duck stamp revenues have been spent to develop national waterfowl refuges.

In 1934 the Wildlife Service had 41 refuges for waterfowl, totalling 911,039 acres. Two decades later in 1953 more than 200 refuges were maintained, protecting an acreage exceeding three million acres. (3,242,810).

In Minnesota, near Thief River Falls, the Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1935. In the northern Becker County about 30,000 acres (lake area 9,500 acres) (Continued on page 19)

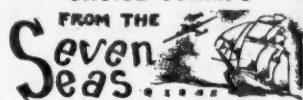
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DUCKS

(Continued from page 18)

have been set aside where a few thousand ducks nest each year.

The principal species are mallards, ring-neck ducks, goldeneyes, and blue-winged teal. The primary purpose of the refuge is "waterfowl" but the overall picture is multiple land use, which includes timber management and public recreation.

Mud Lake Refuge near Holt in eastern Marshall County is another such area, covering 60,000 acres. So also is the smaller (15,000 acres) Rice Lake Refuge near McGregor in Aitkin County. The largest refuge in the Gopherland area is the Upper Mississippi River Refuge, with its 117,272 acres; this includes parts of Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

Another service from duck stamp sales of benefit to the sportsman is waterfowl investigation and research. This includes census-taking of waterfowl.

This is an involved and costly undertaking beyond the scope of any single state which helps provide a more reliable answer to the real question uppermost in the hunter's mind: "are there more ducks and geese?"

It will be generally conceded that a low point in waterfowl populations was reached during the dry thirties; also that during the past 25 years there has been a general increase. How much of an increase per hunter, in what species, and in what areas, is not as easily ascertained. Whether the increase has been by man's efforts alone is also not so definitely determined. Even before man meddled, waterfowl populations were not static.

A high of over 100 million ducks and geese in 1943 (some give the figure 120 to 130 million) has been estimated, with a drop to almost half by 1947 (47 million). Since 1950 there has been some increase. World War II helped the waterfowl population with a change in target and shortage of ammunition. The return of the serviceman made for an increase in the army of hunters.

Ducks Unlimited, an aggressive non-governmental organization which has approached the waterfowl problem north of the States with a "duck factory" idea points out that the 450,000 hunters in 1935 increased to 2,300,000 in 1956—a 500 per cent increase. DU holds that the increase in waterfowl during the same period was 300 per cent, their estimate of the 1935 population of ducks and geese being 37 million.

The Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife (USDI) indicates in a report released February 26, 1958 that, counting all waterfowl wintering in the Mississippi flyway (Minnesota south to the Gulf) the total as of January 13-23 was 8 per cent below 1957 but 24 per cent above an 8-year average (1950-57). Geese were 2 per cent above 1957 but 6 per cent over the 8-year figure, whereas ducks were 11 per cent below 1957 but 25 per cent above the 1950-57 average. The number of teal, mallards, baldpates, gadwalls, and shovellers was good, but the status of the goldeneye, ringneck, canvasback, and wood duck needs watching.

The importance of waterfowl habitat in determining the distribution of the birds was emphasized in the report, which concluded with "good habitat and healthy waterfowl populations go hand in hand." Minnesota has been aware of the importance of wetlands with a program for their preservation several years.

Minnesota Wetlands Stamp

Along with Wisconsin, Minnesota was one of the first states to eliminate incentive payments for swamp drainage under the Agricultural Conservation Program, as the need for



The first four "Duck Stamps", 1934-37, established a style which has been maintained with success and satisfaction to date.

wetlands preservation has long been recognized. To furnish much needed additional revenue, Minnesota hunters and sportsmen now pay an additional \$1 surcharge on their hunting licenses, the revenue being intended for "the acquisition and development of wildlife lands."

The Wetlands Bill became effective April 25, 1957. At that time the 1957 small game hunting license had already been printed, and a number of them sold. To conform with the legislative requirement, each holder of such a license was required to present his license to the County Auditor and purchase the "Wetlands Stamp".

This stamp was attached to the license. The 1958 license has the surcharge printed on the license proper; consequently, there will be no 1958 wetlands stamp.

Only hunters, those purchasing the hunting license, were to have the 1957 stamp. However, some collectors unknowingly acted contrary to regulations by purchasing not only one but often several copies of the wetland stamp without owning a hunting license. The question arises: why limit sale of this stamp when the purpose is to raise money and save a substantial segment of Minnesota's superlative water heritage which is being dissipated at an alarming rate through agricultural drainage?

The Current MBH Stamp

Six of the "duck stamps" in the series of 25 show other waterfowl than ducks. The current 1958-59 stamp is among those picturing geese, and is the first of the MBH Stamps to be a "repeat"; it depicts the Canada Goose, as did the third stamp, 1936-37.

Minnesotans should be particularly proud, as the current stamp shows a genuine Minnesota scene and is the work of Les Kouba, well known wildlife artist of Minneapolis.

The story behind the stamp is that it was done on the spur of the moment—in less than three hours. Artist Kouba got his award-winning design mailed in just in time for the November 1, 1957 deadline. It was chosen from 96 entries and, as Mr. Kouba put it, "it is very satisfying to have your sketch reproduced over two million times."

Les Kouba is the second Minnesotan to have designed a duck stamp. Roger Preuss submitted the award winning design for the 1949-50 stamp; his sketch depicted American Goldeneye ducks whistling their way onto the cold waters of a Minnesota lake. His was the first of the \$2 stamps.

Yet most hunters and sportsmen, and even gunners, will be glad to pay an additional dollar if it helps the waterfowl population to increase enough so some harvest can be made in the wise use of this wildlife resource.

Thus all can continue to lift their eyes to the sky each spring and fall as migrating ducks and geese "vee" their way up and down the Mississippi flyway—a sight more stimulating than is today's white streak of the faster and noisier jet plane.

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Dear Mr. Rueth:

I'm writing this note as a sort of open letter to Mr. M. S. Brainard, in reference, particularly, to his article in Linn's of April 13, entitled "On Culling Philatelic Chaff from the Wheat". I've read Mr. Brainard's articles before, in various publications, and always enjoy them. However, I do object strongly to this one.

Mr. Brainard, in his article, set himself up as an advisor to beginning and uninitiated collectors. "Collect", he says, "only collectible items". But what is the standard? Does the existence of straight edge on a 50c Parcel Post make it uncollectible? Why? Isn't the straight edge actually a sign that it is scarcer than those perforated on all sides, since there are usually fewer SE's in a sheet than "good" stamps? Why perfins? Isn't it true that some perfins are actually worth more than the basic stamp?

And why not precancels, while he is at it? Wasn't there a time when informed collectors refused to have a precancel in their collections? Ah, but times have changed, and now Mr. Brainard doesn't mention these "non-collectibles", in that part of his article.

When the poor kids who are to inherit this depleted collection attempt to replace that 50c Parcel Post with a "collectible" copy, they'll find themselves out of pocket money for some time.

I ask—what's wrong with a slightly damaged copy of a scarce stamp until a better one comes along? Of course it isn't worth as much, in cash, as the superb copy, but are these kids investing toward an early retirement, or are they collecting stamps?

At what point in the estimate of stamp centering does a stamp change its status from a poorly centered collectible copy to an uncollectible one? The same could be asked regarding heaviness of cancellation.

Carrying his theory only a step farther, how long will it be before (in view of the ridiculous trend toward perfection that is demanded) a stamp that is not mathematically centered with original gum will be considered uncollectible?

In conclusion, I feel that Mr. Brainard has a perfect right to collect as he chooses. But he is betraying the confidence placed in him when tries to convince others that his way is the only right way. Let him advise the beginner as to the effect of condition on value so that the beginner will not be misled into paying more for an item that it is really worth on the market. But to say flatly that these more or less faulty items are "not collectible" and must be destroyed—that, I feel, is going too far.

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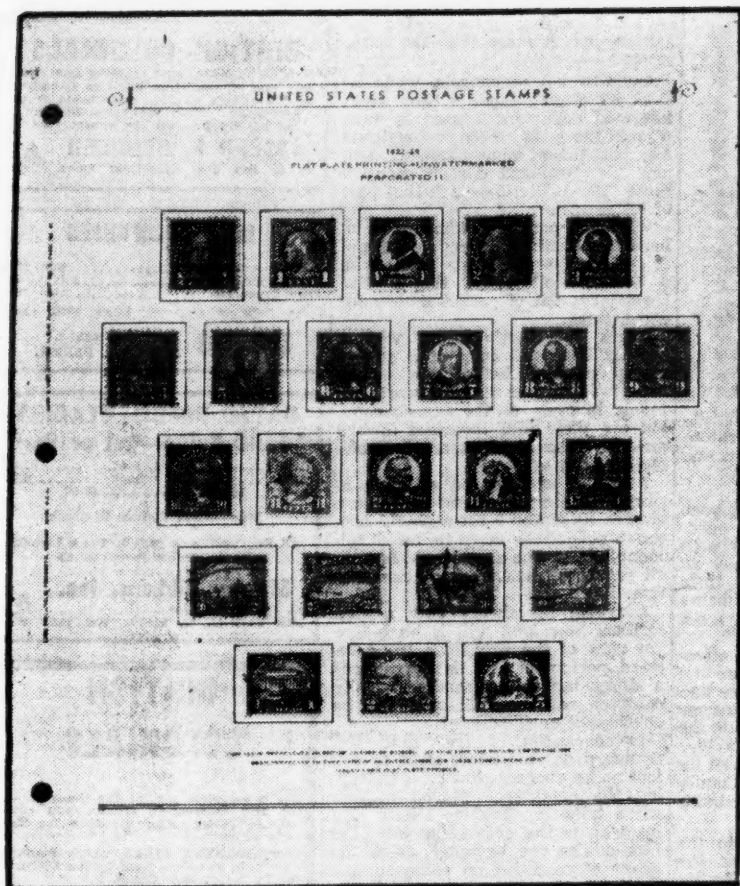
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